

## Answers To Ofcom Questions

A1 I am in favour of a lighter Licensing process, But with serious reservations as to the possibility of fraud of the Amateur Radio Licence, by those people who want the use of an Amateur licence but don't want to take the Radio Communications Examination, It also discriminates against those Amateur who don't have access to the internet.

A2 I strongly disagree with Ofcom's proposal of a Lifetime Licence, I would prefer a Five year Licence as a 5 year licence would keep track of all Amateurs.

A3 The Amateur Radio Licence should never be free under any circumstance, you have to pay a Licence fee to go Fishing ,and even Shooting which are both hobbies there are many other hobbies you have to pay a licence fee so why make Amateur Radio any different, as for an Electronic Licence this would be wide open to Fraud especially on the Internet.

A4 No if the licence is free it should be free to every one including those Radio Amateurs who don't have the use of the Internet.

A5 Agree, If the WT Act were amended so that Radio Amateur Licensing was Exempt this would mean Radio Amateurs would no longer be able to Operate outside the UK.

A6 Disagree with the possibility of WT Act licence exemption in the longer term for Radio Amateurs, In the longer term the HM Government would have to re-negotiate many international agreements, such as the EU, the ITU and with CEPT plus many other agreements this could take many years to do and cost the British Government many Millions of Pounds in expenses , plus the Government would have to find time in Parliament to amend the WT Act.

If licence exemption did take place there would be the possibility of Terrorists using Amateur Radio equipment as a form of communication that could not be traced as the requirement for a Call sign would no longer be required .

A7 I believe that the existing regime but with an extended renewal period of Five years would be my preferred option, with a five tear licence the database could be kept up to date on a fairly regular basis.

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A8 I find the present Licensing requirements of no burden what so ever, in fact I find it easy and simple to comply with.

A9 I totally agree with the proposal to charge a fee for a Notice of Variation.