

Email response received 14 August 2005 from Mr Alistair Watt,G3ZBU:

Dear Sirs,

I would favour keeping the status quo but with a five year period between updating a licence.

It is not a good idea to deregulate amateur radio for many reasons.

One should take a long term view and see what is best in the country's interests and I would suggest that free technical training, in the amateur radio context, is invaluable.

We have been running training for many years and some of our young students have been on courses as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, and a local Sixth Form college is considering getting their electronics students to take the Foundation Course.

Furthermore the value of training should be recognised and the top Lead Instructors, who give their time free of charge, should be given O.B.E.s or similar honours.

Regards,
Alister Watt, G3ZBU