

Email response received 14 August 2005 from Dr M Watson, MØCFU:

Response to Ofcom Consultation on Radio Amateur Licensing

Your consultation document is extremely difficult for the ordinary mortal to comprehend and the system of answering it is no less so. I am even far from sure that I have completed the Cover Sheet satisfactorily.

I fail to comprehend why you do not take the advice of the RSGB.

However, here are my comments on your questions:

1. NO. I am happy with the existing system. Not everyone has access to the Internet.
2. NO. It is essential to keep the database up-to-date.
3. NO. I am happy to pay a reasonable fee to ensure that the database and licenses are kept up-to-date.
4. NO. It is unfair to discriminate.
5. YES (if I can understand the question as phrased!) Amateur Radio must continue to be regulated to prevent abuse.
6. As above. We must be licensed and regulated to prevent abuse and to bring us in line with other countries – especially if we wish to operate abroad.
7. NO. Annual checks and database are valuable.
8. NO. It is not a burden.
9. NO. This would be unfair

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