

Email response received 23 July 2005 from Mr N Vernon G8NAV:

Q 1. Yes.

Q 2. No. Licensed for life, but have to pay The W.T. Act fee each year?
How do you guess how long a person lives? This is clearly a nonsense, so
Q2 really means zero payment and licence exempt.

Q 3. No. The issue of the licence free, possibly, but the fee attached to
The W.T.Act 1949 must remain.

Q 4. I note with interest the second paragraph on page 10 of the
Consultation Document, so my answer is, It depends how
Much you intend to charge.

Q 5. Yes. Never mind currently, the link to W.T. 49 must remain.

Q 6. The W.T. Act must remain as it gives weight and credibility to the
Licence. The annual fee must remain, part as a sum of money
Implies a legal contract that cannot be removed at political
Whim, and maintains status as any Professional station e.g.
BBC, IBA, etc its not the amount of the fee, but the
Attachment to the W.T.Act that matters, and not
Licensed exempted, either. No.

Q 7. No. The license is linked to the W.T. Act, which requires the
Payment of an annual fee, say the extended period was 10
Years, then the fee would be "rolled up" 10 times 15 = £150.
And so on, this is the practical reality.
There are some people who would find this difficult.

Q 8. The license system is not over burdensome for radio amateurs
We just post a cheque. Instead of radio amateurs posting a
Cheque, why don't you send a bank payment slip instead
Then payment admin is done for you?
Ofcom can enable license print out by radio amateurs
on receipt of payment.
Ofcom get the savings they want, and radio amateurs get
The safeguards we want.
I do think that an electronic system of license distribution
Is a good idea.

Q 9. I have no idea of the scale of fee that would be levied by Ofcom,
But in principal, Yes. Also note Q 4.