

Reference: 490858

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about Amateur Radio Special Research Permits.

This was received by Ofcom on 4 November and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find below our response to each of your questions.

1) In the last 10 years how many Amateur Radio Special Research Permits have been issued?

There were 46.

What was the stated 'Nature and purpose of research' research mentioned in the application for granting applications to justify the granting of SRPs. This may be redacted if it contain details of the applicant.

The purpose, where captured, is detailed in the "Description" field in the attached spreadsheet. However, many merely state "see attached" which we no longer hold on record.

2) In the last 10 years how many Amateur Radio Special Research Permits have been refused?

We do not hold details of any which have been refused in the last 10 years.

3) Are SRP subject to review to checked to see if the research is actually carried?

We currently do not have a process by which we review or monitor any activity carried out under these arrangements.

If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Jerin John

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Steve Gettings
The Secretary to the Corporation
Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Wilmslow
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