
Applications received for short-term radio broadcasts between 12 May and 16 June 2018

About this document

The closing date for applications to broadcast a temporary FM radio station using a Short-term Restricted Service Licence ('S-RSL') between 12 May and 16 June 2018 was 17 November 2017. The applications which have been received are listed in this document.

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1. Draws at Riverside House – 22 March 2018

- 1.1 On Thursday 22 March 2018, Ofcom conducted draws to decide which applicant in each of the contested areas, for the period in question, will be taken through the technical assignment process to establish whether a suitable frequency can be found.
- 1.2 The successful applicants are listed in the table below.

Draw Number	Successful applicant	Service Name	Location
1	Bina Begum Shah	FAST FM	Bradford
2	Ghulam Murtaza	Radio Ramadan Keighley	Keighley
3	Mohammed Asif	Ramadhan FM	Leeds
4	Aftab Mahomed Najib Aboobacar	Ramadan Special	Leicester
5	Mahmood Arshad	Radio Ramadhan	Oldham
6	Omar Mahmood	Ramadhan Radio	Sheffield

2. Application update and draw process for short-term analogue radio broadcasts during May/June 2018

- 2.1 We have received a large number of applications for the peak period of May/June 2018. As in previous years, we will conduct draws to decide which applicant in contested areas (areas for which we have received more than one valid application) will be taken through the technical assignment process to establish whether a suitable frequency can be found.
- 2.2 The draws will be held at Ofcom’s Riverside House office in London on Thursday 22 March at 2pm. The results of the draw will be published on our website following the draw, while a video of the draw will be made available within three working days.
- 2.3 If you wish to attend the draw (applicant only, plus one guest) please email: broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

2.4 **Draw schedule for May/June 2018 applications:**

Draw	Area	Number of applicants
1	Bradford	24
2	Keighley	4
3	Leeds	2
4	Leicester	2
5	Oldham	4
6	Sheffield	2

- 2.5 Applications received for uncontested areas will now go through a technical assignment process to establish whether suitable frequencies can be found.

3. Applications received

- 3.1 Ofcom will not now accept any further applications to provide S-RSLs between 12 May and 16 June 2018 in the geographical areas listed below. We may, however, still be able to accept applications for broadcasts in other parts of the UK during this period.
- 3.2 As set out in [Short Term RSLs: Guidance Notes for licence applicants and licensees](#) when Ofcom receives a large number of S-RSL applications at the same time for the same purpose, dates and location, we will draw lots to decide between them.
- 3.3 From January 2018 we will assess the applications we have received for S-RSLs to broadcast between 12 May and 16 June 2018. For areas where a draw is necessary, we will publish a draw schedule detailing all affected applicants in due course. We intend to hold the draws by late March. However, we will only inform applicants of the outcome of the draw when technical checks have verified the availability of a suitable frequency. A recording of the draw, which will be held at Ofcom's London offices, will be posted on our website for applicants to view for a brief period. Applicants wishing to be present during the draw can contact Ofcom to arrange this.
- 3.4 Applicants are reminded that S-RSL application fees are not normally refundable. If an applicant decides to withdraw their application at any stage, we will not refund the fee.
- 3.5 The granting of any S-RSL is subject to the availability of a suitable frequency. Due to the general lack of suitable frequencies, particularly in major cities and towns, applicants should note that groups in the same region may be competing for frequencies with one another, even though the areas they wish to cover do not necessarily overlap. This may apply to some applications which appear at first glance to be in uncontested areas. In such cases, we may have to put applications into a draw to decide between them.
- 3.6 Applications have been received from the applicants listed below, for the areas listed below. This list does not imply any acceptance of the application on Ofcom's part – applications will only be formally accepted by Ofcom after we have undertaken checks on the application forms and have confirmed that we have received payment of the application fee. There may be further, more detailed checks on the draw winners before formal acceptance. Applicants who have not met the application criteria set out in the S-RSL Guidance Notes will be contacted during January 2018.

List of areas applied for

- Blackburn
- Bradford
- Dudley
- Glasgow
- High Wycombe
- Hounslow (Middlesex)
- Keighley

- Leeds
- Leicester
- Milton Keynes
- Oldham
- Sheffield
- Slough
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

List of applicants

3.7 An applicant is listed more than once if they have applied for different areas.

- Abdul Hamid
- Adeel Shahid
- Aftab Mahomed Najib Aboobacak
- Amin Dada
- Azra Shah
- Bina Begum Shah
- Faisal Azmi
- Farah Batool Sardar Khan
- Farah Batool Sardar Khan
- Farooq Ahmad
- Gazala Tabasum
- Ghulam Hussain
- Ghulam Murtaza
- Ghulam Murtaza
- Ghulam Mutjaba
- Hamaad Shahid
- Ivor Idris Davies
- Khurram Shahzad
- Mahmood Arshad
- Maqbool Hussain
- Maqbool Hussain
- Maqbool Hussain
- Masood Sadiq
- Mohammad Shahid
- Mohammed Asif
- Mohammed Ayyaz
- Mohammed Farooq
- Mohammed Fiaz Shahpal
- Mohammed Idrees
- Mohammed Majid

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- Mohammed Zafar Iqbal Syed
- Muhammad Malik Hussain
- Muhammad Riaz Shah
- Muhammad Rizwan Naeem Mughal
- Muhammad Usman
- Muhammed Aqeel
- Muhammed Arshad Tabbassum
- Nicholas Apps
- Omar Mahmood
- Omar Mahmood
- Omme Ayesha Organisation
- Pat Blakeney
- Pir Syed Sultan Mashadi Naushahi
- Raja Jamshad
- Raja Muhammad Anwar Khan
- Rehana Hussain
- Rizwana Latif
- Rosma Akhtar
- Sajid Quayam
- Shakila Hanif
- Shakilla Hanif
- Shazia Tanveer
- Shehla Israr
- Shiraz Ahmed
- Shirwac Dirir
- Sophia Kilbirige
- Tanveer Ahmed
- Tanveer Ahmed
- Tehmina Sabir
- Umar Bilal Malik
- Waleed Ahmed Malik
- Zaheer Ali
- Zahid Sheikh

4. Application process for short-term RSLs during May and June 2018

- 4.1 Applicants wishing to broadcast a short-term radio service under a Short-term Restricted Service Licence ('SRSL') on any dates between Saturday 12 May and Saturday 16 June 2018 (inclusive) should apply during our application window opening on Monday 13 November 2017 and closing on Friday 17 November 2017.
- 4.2 In geographical locations where only one application is received, we may be able to offer a licence to that applicant in line with our 'first come, first served' policy. However, the religious festival of Ramadan falls within this period and, based on previous experience, Ofcom expects to receive a large number of applications to operate SRSL stations during May and June 2018. Consequently, in some places in the UK, due to the high demand for SRSL broadcasts and the limited number of FM frequencies available, we expect to have to allocate licences by way of a draw instead of our usual 'first come, first served' policy.
- 4.3 All prospective applicants should note the following:
- a) Only a complete, signed application form accompanied by a cheque for the application fee of £400 can be considered for a licence award or, if necessary, participation in a draw. The application fee will be banked in the Ofcom account before the draw takes place.
 - b) If an application is deemed incomplete (for example, it is missing proof of identification, or an appropriate support letter) then Ofcom may subsequently request the information if the application is for a non-contested area. However, if the area requires a draw due to the receipt of multiple applications, only complete applications will be forwarded to the draw process. Incomplete applications will be rejected and the £400 application fee returned.
 - c) Applications for a service linked to a religious event, such as Ramadan, must include a letter of support from the head of an appropriate local religious body or place of worship (see paragraph 27 of the SRSL guidance notes).
 - d) In addition to the £400 application fee, successful applicants will be required to pay two licence fees (one for a Broadcasting Act licence, and the other for a Wireless Telegraphy Act licence). We will not confirm frequencies or issue licences to successful applicants until the required fees have been paid.
 - e) No changes to the transmitter site identified in an application will be permitted, other than where a change is necessary due to an emergency (i.e. circumstances beyond the applicant's control).
 - f) All broadcasts on RSLs must comply with the [Ofcom Broadcasting Code](#) and other relevant Ofcom codes. In particular, for any broadcast charity appeals, the broadcaster needs to take reasonable steps to satisfy itself that the charity appeal organisation concerned can produce satisfactory evidence of charitable status, or, in the case of an

emergency appeal, that a responsible public fund has been set up to deal with it. We may subsequently ask broadcasters for information about how much money was raised in any appeal, the recipient organisation and for evidence that all the funds raised have been used for charitable purposes.

Next steps

- 4.4 Ofcom intends to hold any required draws during March 2018 (see paragraphs 31 to 38 of the SRSL guidance notes for further details of the draw process). We will inform successful applicants of the draw result once technical checks have verified the availability of a suitable frequency.
- 4.5 Applicants are reminded that SRSL application fees are not normally refundable. Therefore, if an application is unsuccessful in a draw process, the application fee will not be refunded. Similarly, the fee will not be refunded if an applicant subsequently decides to withdraw their application.
- 4.6 Applications which are successful in the draw will remain subject to Ofcom's usual application assessment process, so applicants should note that success in the draw is not necessarily a guarantee of the award of a licence.
- 4.7 Any application for a licence to provide a service between Saturday 12 May and Saturday 16 June 2018 (inclusive) should be submitted between Monday 13th November and Friday 17 November 2017, using the [SRSL application form](#).
- 4.8 Any application to broadcast in May or June 2018 that is received after the application window closes on 17 November 2017 can still be considered for a licence, but only if it is for a broadcast in an area for which we have not already received an application, and will be subject to frequency availability.
- 4.9 If you require any further details about this process, please send an email to: broadcast.licensing@ofcom.org.uk.