

Reference: 648176

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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about an Amateur Radio application for call sign "GB1SS NOV".

This was received by Ofcom on 17 December and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I would like to request to see the application request for the amateur radio call sign GB1SS which was used by Tim Peake during his Principia mission between December 2015 and June 2016.

I understand that the name and address details may not be shared, however I'd like to know what type of license was issued (special event or personal) and also which authority (or company) or license type / person applied for it?

Also how long it was / is issued for?

If you are able to share any other details about the application at all this would be very interesting to see.

The call sign GB1SS is informally permitted to be used to identify any UK astronaut who might be on the International Space Station (ISS) including Tim Peake. Accordingly, there was no application request and we therefore do not hold the requested information.

This has been of particular interest to youngsters and we are pleased to say that several schools have derived huge value from being able to take advantage of this facility.

If you have any queries, 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:

Corporation Secretary
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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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