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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about the age of Amateur Radio licensees.

We received this request on 5 February and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

You asked:

Please can you supply information showing a breakdown of the age of issued amateur radio licensees. Preferably by banding, license type and also all license types combined.

Foundation

Under 25

26-40

41-50

51-60

61-70

71+

Intermediate

Under 25

26-40

41-50

51-60

61-70

71+

Full

Under 25

26-40

41-50

51-60

61-70

71+

Our response

We do not hold a full breakdown of the age of issued amateur radio licensees as date of birth is not a mandatory field for licence applications. Noting this fact and based on data extracted from our system for the current date, where we do hold the date of birth field for live licences, we have set out the information you requested in the table below.

	Foundation	Intermediate	Full
Under 25	118	16	14
26-40	2170	871	515
41-50	773	546	2568
51-60	1556	1016	7306
61-70	1154	692	12277
71+	1541	963	22264
Total	7312	4104	44944

You should note that the total number of live Amateur Radio licences issued by licence type is considerably greater than the numbers provided above. The below table includes licensees whose age we may or may not hold.

	Foundation	Intermediate	Full
Total	28845	12127	54072

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Jerin John

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

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 responding to 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 information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

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:

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