

Radio Multiplex Licence Variation Request Form

This form should be used for any request to vary a local or national radio multiplex licence, e.g:

- replacing one programme or data service with another
- adding a programme or data service
- removing a programme or data service
- changing the Format description of a programme service
- changing a programme service from stereo to mono
- changing a programme service's bit-rate

Please complete all relevant parts of this form. You should submit one form per multiplex licence, but you should complete as many versions of Part 3 of this form as required (one per change). Before completing this form, applicants are strongly advised to read our published guidance on radio multiplex licence variations, which can be found at: <http://licensing.ofcom.org.uk/radio-broadcast-licensing/digital-radio/radio-mux-changes>

Part 1 – Details of multiplex licence

Radio multiplex licence:	Central Scotland (DL018)
Licensee:	Switchdigital (Scotland) Limited
Contact name:	Piers Collins
Date of request:	7 th June 2016

Part 2 – Summary of multiplex line-up before and after proposed change(s)

Existing line-up of programme services			Proposed line-up of programme services		
Service name, short-form description and hours of broadcast	Bit-rate (kbps)	Service mode	Service name, short-form description and hours of broadcast	Bit-rate (kbps)	Service mode
Gold	128/F	Joint Stereo	Central FM	80/F	Mono
Central FM	80/F	Mono	BBC Nan Gaidheal	128/F	Stereo
BBC Nan Gaidheal	128/F	Stereo	talkSPORT Scotland	64/H	Mono
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Part 3 – Details of proposed change

For each proposed change you wish to make to your licence, please answer the following question and then complete the relevant sections of the rest of the application form.

Outline of proposed variation

Set out details of how you wish your licence to be varied, e.g. is this a request to add a new programme service, to remove an existing service, to change the technical parameters of a service?

This licence variation request is for the removal of Gold. Subject to Ofcom approval, this change will take place at 2359 on 4th July 2016.

Complete the following section if your request is to add, remove or replace a programme service.

Details of existing service to be removed/replaced <i>(if relevant)</i> <i>This information should be taken from your licence.</i>		Details of proposed new service <i>(if relevant)</i> <i>For guidance on the style and content of DAB Format descriptions, please refer to the guidance</i>	
<i>Service provider:</i>	Global Radio	<i>Service provider:</i>	
<i>Service name:</i>	Gold	<i>Service name:</i>	
<i>Short form description:</i>	Classic pop hits	<i>Short form description:</i>	
<i>Character of service:</i>	A classic pop hits station targeted primarily at 35-54 year-olds	<i>Character of service:</i>	
Date you wish proposed change to be implemented		4 July 2016 at 2359.	
Is this proposed change linked to proposed changes on other multiplexes? If so, please provide details.		n/a	
Please set out the statutory criterion, or criteria, that you believe is/are satisfied in relation to this radio multiplex licence variation request, and the reasons for this: <i>For details of the statutory criteria, and relevant Ofcom policies, please refer to the guidance.</i>			
The service provider has elected not to renew its carriage agreement.			
Please provide any additional information and/or evidence in support of the proposed change:			

Complete the following section in respect of any new service being added.

Multiplex /ensemble name:	
Long service name:	
Short service name:	
Service mode (stereo/joint stereo/mono):	
Sampling rate (half rate@24khz/full rate@48khz):	
Protection level (UEP, 1-5)	
Bit-rate:	
Does this service currently broadcast on another multiplex or another platform? If so, is this a 100% simulcast or will there be opt-outs? Please give details (including all known SIDs) below:	

Decision

Request agreed under section 54(6B)(a) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 – that the variation would not unacceptably narrow the range of programmes available by way of local digital sound programme services to persons living in the area or locality for which the licensed multiplex service is provided.

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