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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to Amateur Radio Callsigns. We received this request on 16 January 2023. We have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request

You said:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would be grateful if you could provide me with a list of all Amateur Radio Callsigns showing the callsign, the type of licence each callsign is associated with (e.g. Foundation, Full (Club), etc.), the current status of each callsign (e.g. Allocated/Reserved), and (where held) the date on which each callsign attained that status.

I would appreciate it if consideration could be given to expanding the data available through Open Data to include the additional information I have requested - namely for each callsign the type of licence it is associated with and (where held) the date on which each callsign attained that status.

Please also explain why the list of amateur radio call signs published at: [Open data - Ofcom](#) under 'Spectrum open data' is many months out of date yet shows a 'Last updated' date of 6 January 2023.

I would also be grateful if you could explain why there is no facility on your website for members of the public to query this information, using current and up-to-date data.

Our response

Please find attached a list of all Amateur Radio Callsigns up to 25 January 2023, showing the callsign, the type of licence each callsign is associated with, the current status of each callsign and the date on which each callsign attained that status, where this information is available.

We will look into the further availability of this expanded dataset and the ability to query this online once we have moved this licensing function onto our new LPE system, which is planned in the next 18 months.

We will consider the request to provide regular updates of the information. Regarding the out-of-date information on the website, we believe this to be an oversight due to the January 2023 data having to be replaced with the previous dataset. As part of this process, the date was not updated, and we apologise for this.

I hope this information is helpful. 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,

Temiloluwa Dawodu

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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