

Reference: 01667041

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request concerning a list of amateur radio call signs where the format doesn't fit the licence class. Your request was received on 4 September 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the FOI Act').

Your request

On your FOI response dated 21/08/23 reference 01649066 you have provided a list of current issued amateur radio call signs and licence class.

M5SHA is listed as a foundation licence but takes the format of a full amateur licence holder. This goes against your own licence class policy.

Please provide a list of all call signs similar in nature where the call sign format issued does not fit the licence class issued.

Our response

In considering your request we have noted Section 84 of the FOI Act which defines "information" as "information recorded in any form" and guidance from the ICO which confirms that we are not required to create information for the purposes of complying with a request for information under the FOI Act. We are unable to provide the information requested as we do not record it in this way.

However, some call sign and licence class information is available via our [website](#). Please select "Amateur radio callsign allocation". On this page, you can browse the list and you may be able to identify the information sought under this request.

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

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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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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