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Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the use of radios within the public house sector in Scotland.

We received this request on 15 January 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

"I am looking for some information on the Ofcom Licence.

Within in the public house sector in Scotland, who is eligible to wear a radio and ear pieces. I understand that security can wear them but I was wondering if Bar staff and glass collectors can wear them throughout their shifts."

Our response

We do not hold the requested information.

However, you may find it helpful to note that there is no specific legislation relating to the public house sector, nor anything that applies specifically to wearing radios or ear pieces.

A user may legally be able to operate radios without a licence under licence exemption rules or may operate under a licence. There is a link here to the Ofcom website that explains radio licence exemption rules [here](#).

More generally, Ofcom manages the radio spectrum across the United Kingdom, primarily through the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).