

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Andrew

Surname:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Ofcom should state clearly that the Amateur Licensing arrangements are intended to be progressive:-

1st – Foundation

2nd – Intermediate

3rd – Full.

Progression should be encouraged by giving additional privileges. For example / suggested discussion -

1st foundation - 10 watts at transmitter, bands two, say 10m & 70cm.

2nd intermediate - 100 watts at transmitter, bands As foundation plus say 2m, 4m, 6m, 10m & 23cms.

3rd full - 400 watts at transmitter / maximum allowed on band, bands all.

My above suggestions should be applied to all current and future licences. Some would see

removing privileges as unfair. But please remember all amateur licences can gain or lose privileges and historically this has happened.

Regional identifiers. I can not understand people's confusion with adding / removing the regional identifier. Leave it alone it works.

Intermediate callsigns. If the 2?0ABC / 2?1ABC is a problem for Ofcom, consider changing all intermediate calls to one in line with the G or M format. For example selecting an old call eg the G2ABC series and reissuing that series to the intermediate licence.

In addition to the above, once a person has progressed to the next level of licence, their old callsign should be revoked / exchanged for their new callsign. This would release callsigns for future use and ensure the licence figures are accurate.

I make these points as an amateur of 29 years experience. I was first licenced aged 18 and I am an approved instructor for the current amateur examinations.

As an instructor I believe there needs to be an incentive to progress through the licence structure. In my opinion the foundation licence gives the successful candidate far too many privileges for such a low level of knowledge.

Question 1:Do you agree with the proposal to include, as a matter of course, the 470 kHz and 5 MHz bands into the Licence for all Amateur Radio (Full) licensees?:

Yes.

Question 2:Do you agree that expressly linking a Full (Club) Licensee?s authorisation to use the spectrum to his or her representation of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:

Yes

Question 3:Do you agree that Ofcom should include a further ground of revocation in the Licence as proposed above in order better to align Clause 4 with the definition of ?Disqualified Person??:

Yes

Question 4:Do you agree that the word ?automatically? should be removed from Clause 4(5) of the Licence, in relation to the revocation of the Licence for failure to comply with the revalidation requirements?:

Yes

Question 5:Do you agree that Clause 15 of the Licence should be updated to reflect the wording included in Ofcom?s General Licence Conditions Booklet?:

Yes

Question 6:Do you agree that Clause 13 of the Licence should be amended to allow for a simpler, more flexible approach for identifying Amateur Radio stations?:

No

Question 7:Given the current uncertainty amongst Radio Amateur licensees in relation to Clause 2(2), do you believe that it would be a practical solution for Ofcom to remove this Clause and to insert additional wording into Clause 13, as proposed above?:

No

Question 8:Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to amend Clause 2(3) of the Licence to require Intermediate licensees to transmit a call sign that reflects the location of their main station?:

No

Question 9:Do you agree that replacing Clauses 2(1) and 16(1) with a new Clause to simplify and bring together all of the licence conditions relating to the operation of radio equipment away from the Main Station address will make these provisions clearer?:

Yes

Question 10:Do you agree that the proposed changes will clarify RAYNET operation under the Licence?:

Yes