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Dear

### Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about amateur radio licence callsigns which are available.

We received this request on 2 February 2023 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Your request

You asked: *'In order to apply for a Amateur Radio Full Callsign that is available on request as per the OFCOM site ('Call signs using formerly issued prefixes are not available via the licensing portal and must be requested on a paper application form (a fee is payable) Please could you send me a list of those formally issued callsigns, which are available for me to request, the fee and the process by which I request.'*

#### Our response

We do not hold the data that you have requested, as we do not hold a discrete list of all amateur radio call signs that may have been issued in the past. However, we publish [details of amateur radio call signs on our website](#), showing call signs that are unavailable. Call signs listed as 'Allocated' are currently assigned to an amateur radio station and are unavailable. Call signs listed as 'Reserved' have been assigned to an amateur radio station in recent years and remain unavailable. Call signs listed as 'Available' are available for assignment and may be requested though, as indicated above, this is not a comprehensive list.

Any call sign not listed may be requested, if it is in a valid format for the level of licence being applied for. We have published details of these call sign formats under 'Amateur radio call sign allocation' on [the amateur radio information page of our website](#), which also sets out the prefixes that we use by default ('M7' for Foundation-level call signs, '20' for Intermediate-level call signs and 'M0' for Full-level call signs). If an applicant wishes to request a particular call sign with a default prefix, they may apply online. The system will indicate whether the requested call sign is available. A fee is **not** payable for a licence issued against an online application. To request a call

sign with a different prefix, an applicant must apply using [a paper application form](#). There is a one-off fee of £20 for a licence issued against a paper application form.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Akinyemi

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](mailto: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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