

Reference: 01995431

Information Requests
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Dear,

Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning Business radio licences.

We received this request on 8 May 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

Please could you share:

1. The total number of active business licences for each of the last 5 years
2. The total number of business licences issued per year in each of the last 5 years
3. For the above, any sector splits would be very helpful

Our response

Please find the requested information below for the last 5 years.

Active licenses as at	31 March 2021	31 March 2022	31 March 2023	31 March 2024	31 March 2025
Product name/Total	44309	43620	42541	42081	43035
Business Radio Light – Simple UK (no base station)	15570	15886	14801	14820	15600
Business Radio Simple Site	9048	8501	8813	8926	9424
Business Radio Suppliers Light	1374	1395	1213	1154	1228
408010 - Business Radio (Technically Assigned)	17675	17201	17080	16555	16162
409510 - Business Radio (Area Defined)	642	637	634	626	621

Issued during period	April20- May21	April21- May22	April22- May23	April23- May24	April24- May25
Product name/Total	4047	4417	4347	4238	4501
Business Radio Light – Simple UK (no base station)	1492	1879	1685	1727	1711
Business Radio Simple Site	971	1,019	1,124	977	1181
Business Radio Suppliers Light	106	126	117	90	103
408010 - Business Radio (Technically Assigned)	1437	1351	1379	1384	1446
409510 - Business Radio (Area Defined)	41	42	42	60	60

I hope this information is helpful. 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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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](#).