



Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No. 1)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority makes the following instrument under subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*.

Dated: 7 December 2023

Adam Suckling
[signed]
Member

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~~Member~~/General Manager

Australian Communications and Media Authority

1 Name

This is the *Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment Determination 2023 (No.1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the start of 19 February 2024.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 60(1) of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*.

4 Amendments relating to area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences

The instrument that is specified Schedule 1 is amended as set out in the applicable items in that Schedule.

5 Amendments relating to amateur stations

The instrument that is specified Schedule 2 is amended as set out in the applicable items in that Schedule.

Schedule 1— Amendments relating to area-wide licences and area-wide receive licences

(section 4)

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1 Section 5 (Note 2)

Insert:

- area-wide receive licence;

2 Subsection 10(6)

After '2.4.4,' insert '2.4.5'.

3 Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table 4, table item 2.4.2)

Repeal the item, substitute:

2.4.2	Considering an application for a standard area-wide licence, and issuing it (if applicable)	\$847
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4 Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table 4, table item 2.4.3)

Repeal the item, substitute:

2.4.3	Considering an application for an area-wide receive licence, and issuing it (if applicable)	\$847
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5 Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table 4, cell at table item 2.4.4, under column 2)

Omit 'one or more other applications for an area-wide licence', substitute 'one or more other applications for a standard area-wide licence or an area-wide receive licence'.

6 Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table 4, at the end of the table items)

Add:

2.4.5	<p>Further charges related to the processing of an application for an area-wide receive licence (<i>the first application</i>) where the ACMA is required to assess the first application against one or more other applications for a standard area-wide licence or an area-wide receive licence</p> <p>Note: If further charges are applicable, the ACMA will apportion the charge so that all applications that are assessed against each other will incur the same additional charge, determined using the hourly rate.</p>	<p>The amount worked out using the following formula:</p> $\frac{THR}{N + 1}$ <p>where:</p> <p><i>THR</i> means the total hourly rate, an amount worked out by multiplying the hourly rate by the time taken to assess each of the first application and any other application against which the first application is assessed;</p> <p><i>N</i> means the number of applications for the licence against which the first application is assessed</p>
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7 Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Table 7, cell at table item 2.7.7, under column 2)

After ‘a standard area-wide licence’ insert ‘or an area-wide receive licence’.

Schedule 2— Amendments relating to amateur stations

(section 5)

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1 Section 5

Insert:

ACMA recognition certificate has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

ACMA recognition certificate (Advanced) has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

ACMA recognition certificate (Foundation) has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

ACMA recognition certificate (Standard) has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

Amateur Class Licence means:

- (a) the *Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023*;
- (b) if a later class licence replaces that instrument – the later class licence.

Note: The Amateur Class Licence is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

call sign has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence, but does not include a replacement call sign.

contest call sign has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

2 Section 5 (definition of examination for a single module)

Repeal the definition.

3 Section 5

Insert:

replacement call sign has the same meaning as in subclause 5(1) of Schedule 4 to the Amateur Class Licence.

special event call sign has the same meaning as in the Amateur Class Licence.

4 Section 5 (Note 2)

Omit ‘have the same meaning as in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2015*’, substitute ‘may have the same meaning as in a determination made under that section’.

5 Subsection 10(4)

Omit ‘6.1.1, 7.3.1 and 7.3.2’, substitute ‘3.4.1, 3.5.1, 6.1.1, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.5.1, 7.5.2, 7.5.3 and 7.5.4’.

6 At the end of Part 3 of Schedule 1

Add:

Table 4 Charges relating to ACMA recognition certificates

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Service/Matter	Column 3 Charge
3.4.1	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), an ACMA recognition certificate, except where the applicant has both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) applied for a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence; and (b) paid the charge set out in item 3.5.1 of this Schedule. 	\$45.20

Note: If the applicant has a written exemption from completing an examination given under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence, no charge is imposed by this item.

Table 5 Charges relating to exemptions from amateur radio examinations

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Service/Matter	Column 3 Charge
3.5.1	Considering an application for, and giving (if applicable), a written exemption from completing an examination under clause 4 of Schedule 5 to the Amateur Class Licence	\$188.35

7 Part 4 of Schedule 1 (Table 1, table items 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3)

Repeal the items.

8 At the end of Part 7 of Schedule 1

Add:

Table 5 Charges relating to call signs

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Service/Matter	Column 3 Charge
7.5.1	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where no other item of this table applies	\$30.15
7.5.2	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and (b) the applicant's first preference and, if expressed, second preference is for a call sign with either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the prefix VK1, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by two letters; or (ii) the prefix VK1, VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7 or VK8, followed by three letters 	\$41.45

7.5.3	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of a call sign where: (a) the applicant expresses a preference for at least one call sign; and (b) the applicant's first preference is for a call sign with the prefix VK2, VK3 or VK4, followed by two letters	\$52.75
7.5.4	Considering an application made under the Amateur Class Licence for the assignment of: (a) a special event call sign; or (b) a contest call sign; or (c) a call sign with the prefix VK9 or VK0	\$52.75

Note: This instrument does not impose any charge in relation to replacement call signs.