

Reference: 01261003

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Dear Mr Baker,

### Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding Amateur Radio licences which have been varied or revoked by Ofcom. We received this request on 18 May 2021 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

### Your question

You asked for various information in relation to revoked Amateur Radio Licences in the United Kingdom for the period 1/5/2011 to 1/5/2021:

*I am requesting information on Amateur Radio Licences which have been varied or revoked by Ofcom, using the prescribed process, as laid down in Schedule 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 ('the Act').*

*All classes of Amateur Radio Licences requiring compliance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. This covers licenses held either by individuals or more than one person. Only information where non-compliance with the conditions of the Amateur Radio Licence is involved should be included.*

*Information requested by this FOI:-*

*A) The Date of variation or revocation of the licence.*

*B) The Class/Type of licence.*

*C) The reason(s) for variation or revocation of the licence.*

*D) Action(s) taken.*

### Our response

We can confirm that in the Relevant Period we have not varied any Amateur Radio licences however there have been two instances where we have revoked such licences. We have set out the information you have requested in the table below for each of the instances. We have not varied or revoked any Club or Temporary Reciprocal licences.

**First instance:**

Date of revocation of the licence	March 2013
Class/ Type of licence  <u>Note:</u> we have taken “class” to mean the level of the licence: Foundation, Intermediate or Full. The class of licence is denoted by the prefix of the call sign that we issue, as explained in Paragraph 1.11 of this <a href="#">Amateur Radio guidance</a> .	Full Licence
Reason(s) for revocation of the licence	This licence was revoked as the licence holder had breached clause 7(3) of the Amateur Radio <a href="#">licence</a> conditions. <sup>1</sup>
Actions(s) taken	The licence was revoked.

**Second instance:**

Date of revocation of the licence;	14 December 2015
Class/ Type of licence  <u>Note:</u> we have taken “Class” to mean the level of the licence: Foundation, Intermediate or Full. The call signs we issue show the level of the station, that is; Foundation, Intermediate or Full, as explained in Paragraph 1.11 of this <a href="#">Amateur Radio guidance</a> .	This published document contains a list of <a href="#">519 Amateur Radio licences</a> that were revoked. This list contains various classes of licences. For details of the types of licence, please correspond the call signs of the licences with the information in the guidance adjacent.
Reason(s) for revocation of the licence	All 519 licences were revoked because the holders of those licences did not revalidate their licences as required by Clause 6(3) of the relevant Amateur Radio licence at the time. <sup>2</sup>
Actions(s) taken	Licences were revoked.

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

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Mapletoft

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<sup>1</sup> Please see annex 1 which sets out all Radio License conditions applicable in 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Please see annex 2 which sets out all Radio License conditions applicable in 2015.

If you are unhappy with the response you 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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