

Reference: 1885112

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about every radio callsign.

We received this request on 17 August 2024 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request

Every callsign registered with Ofcom, if it is reserved or allocated, the date this status was set, who it is assigned to, how long it has been in use.

Our response

I have investigated your request and can confirm we do hold some information. Please see the attached spreadsheet. As your request seeks information about the identities of callsign licence holders, we consider that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act, which provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where, among other things, its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

Licence holders may have consented for their personal information to be published only in a callbook, such as that which is published annually by the Radio Society of Great Britain ('RSGB'). You may wish to contact the RSGB to obtain a copy of this, where all active callsigns are listed either with or without the licence holder's details included.

We 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](#).