

I welcome the document and the opportunity to comment on it. My comments relate to the Amateur Radio aspects of the document.

The decision to make no charge to new applicants aged 75 or over is a welcome concession. While many in the group may still wish to submit their application on-line, there are others who may feel the use of the internet too daunting. It is a fair assumption that new applicants under 21 will have access to on-line facilities.

The charge of £20 for postal applications is a fair charge. Some people may erroneously compare the £20 with the present £15 annual fee, not realising that the £20 is a one-off charge.

What is not discussed is the arrangement for the confirmation of details in five years' time and whether a charge will be made for this if the Licensee is then unable to do this electronically.

I confirm that in my view the draft Statutory Instrument adequately covers the forthcoming Amateur Licence change.