

# Schedule 4

## Call signs

### Part 1 Dealing with call signs

#### 1 Assigning call signs

1. ACMA may assign a call sign to a person.

**Note:** In an Act or statutory instrument, the word "may", or a similar term, used in relation to a function indicates that the function may be exercised or not exercised, at discretion.

2. If you apply to ACMA for a call sign and provide all the necessary paperwork and fees, then ACMA must assign a call sign to the person.
3. The ACMA is not obliged to issue any particular call sign.
4. The ACMA decides how the paperwork is to be completed.
5. Assignment of a call sign must be consistent with the Radio Regulations.
6. The ACMA rules apply.
7. The ACMA must notify the person of the call sign allocation as soon as reasonably practical.
8. A person may make a request under Schedule 6 of the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 if they are dissatisfied with the call sign assigned to them.

#### 2 Limitations on assignment

##### Assignment period

1. A call sign assigned by the ACMA may have a defined period the call sign is active.
2. A call sign assigned by the ACMA that does not have a defined period is active until the ACMA cancels the assignment.

##### Special event call signs

1. A special event call sign may assign by the ACMA may have a defined period the call sign is active.
2. A call sign assigned by the ACMA that does not have a defined period is active until the ACMA cancels the assignment.
3. The ACMA may issue a special event call sign and the event to which the call sign is assigned.
4. If the ACMA specifies a period for the special event call sign, the period must encompass the event to which the call sign is assigned.

#### 3 Cancelling assignment of a call sign

1. The ACMA may cancel the assignment of a call by a written notice to the person.
2. The ACMA must comply with its rules.
3. Schedule 6 of the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 addresses the revision of decisions to cancel an assigned call sign.

#### 4 Reassignment of a call sign

##### Automatic cancellation at end of assignment period.

1. If the ACMA specified a period for the call sign assignment, the call sign is cancelled at the end of this period.

##### Re-assignment

2. If before the end of the assignment period, an application is made to ACMA for a call sign reassignment and provide all the necessary paperwork and fees, then ACMA may reassign a call sign to the person.
3. The ACMA decides how the paperwork is to be completed.

4. If the application for reassignment is rejected, the ACMA must notify the person in writing who applied for the reassignment.
5. Schedule 6 of the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 addresses the revision of decisions to cancel an assigned call sign.
6. **Replacing a call sign in exceptional circumstances**
  1. If the ACMA issues an original call sign to an affected person and the ACMA are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances that justify assigning a different call sign, then the ACMA may cancel the original call sign. He ACMA then must assign a replacement call sign and notify the affected person in writing.

**Note:** Schedule 6 of the Radiocommunications (Amateur Stations) Class Licence 2023 does not apply to the decision to cancel a call sign.
  2. The ACMA has ultimate power in this regard.
  3. The ACMA's decision stands even if representations are made by the affected person in relation to the person's privacy or welfare, and the effect of the original call sign on the person's privacy or welfare; and whether the ACMA had regard to any policies published on its website that relate to the assignment of a call sign before assigning the original call sign; and any other matter the ACMA considers relevant.

### Part 1 Transitional provisions

#### 1 Interpretation

