

Radio operator certificates and callsigns

Overview

Under national law and international agreements, most operators of radio transmitters in the aeronautical, amateur and maritime services are required to hold a relevant radio operator certificate of competency, and to use a callsign for identification purposes.

These requirements are specified in the New Zealand General User Radio Licences (GURL's) relating to these services:

[Aeronautical General User Radio Licence](#)

[Amateur General User Radio Licence](#)

[Maritime General User Radio Licence](#)

Applying for certificates and callsigns

Applications for certificates and callsigns (including changes of vessel callsign/ownership) must be made to an Approved Radio Examiner (ARX). These persons have been authorized by the Ministry to conduct examinations, grant radio operator certificates of competency, and issue/maintain callsigns, and the examiner may charge for these services.

For further information on certificates and callsigns, refer to [PIB 46](#)

[List of Approved Radio Examiners \(ARX\)](#)

Basic changes to client contact details can be made through the Radio Spectrum Management Contact Centre on 0508 RSM INFO (0508 776 463) (+64-3-962 2603 for overseas callers).

Search for certificates and callsigns

Amateur and maritime operator certificates and callsigns (including maritime MMSI and RTN numbers) can be searched in [SMART](#).

While personal information contained in certificate records is not available to the general public, persons with a SMART Client Key and Password are able to view and print their own certificate and callsign records. To obtain a Client Key and Password call us on 0508 RSM INFO (0508 776 463).

[Information for radio operators](#)

Information on aeronautical, amateur and maritime radio operator's certificates and callsigns.

[Information for MED approved radio examiners \(ARX\)](#)

Information for individuals or organisations applying for Approved Radio Examiners (ARX) status

[List of approved examiners](#)

Contact details for Approved Examiners