

Amateur licences

Who does this licence apply to?

- Persons holding a New Zealand General Amateur operators certificate who operate radio transmitting equipment within the amateur radio bands.
- Persons visiting New Zealand who hold an approved CEPT amateur operator licence.

Becoming a radio amateur

Amateur operators require a successful amateur exam result notification before a Certificate of Competency can be issued. Information on amateur exams can be obtained from the [New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters \(NZART\)](#). A list of examiners can be found at [Approved Radio Examiners \(ARX\)](#).

Applicants requiring an Amateur Operator's Certificate or examination for the certificate must apply to [Approved Radio Examiner](#).

Operating as a radio amateur in New Zealand

Radio amateurs in New Zealand must:

- hold a relevant [Radio Operator Certificates of Competency](#)
- use a callsign for identification purposes.

Amateur Operator activity in New Zealand apart from Repeaters, Beacons and Fixed Links are covered by the [General User Radio Licence](#) for Amateur Radio Operators. This means that radio amateurs do not need to apply for an individual licence to operate.

Amateur operation in the 50 – 51 MHz band is permitted subject to individual agreement between RSM and the amateur. Certain terms and conditions must be met dependent on the operation area. In order to apply for a permission to operate in the 50 - 51 MHz band contact [Radio Spectrum Management \(RSM\)](#).

Visiting foreign amateurs may operate for up to 90 days under the provisions of the [General User Radio Licence](#) for Amateur Radio Operators.

Amateur equipment such as repeaters, beacons and fixed links must be individually licensed as they require coordination with other radio services. You can apply for a radio licence for repeaters, beacons and fixed links online or by sending a completed [Radio 2S form \[213 kB PDF\]](#). For applicable fees refer to the [fees schedule](#).

Searching for a callsign

Both amateur operator certificate holders and club stations that have an associated callsign can be found [online](#) in SMART. The [New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters \(NZART\)](#) also publish an annual '[Callbook](#)' of amateur operator callsign holders.