

RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT



Who is Radio Spectrum Management?

The government's goal is to grow the New Zealand economy to deliver greater prosperity, security and opportunities for all New Zealanders. As New Zealand's prosperity depends in large part on New Zealand being well connected, with access to the latest technologies, an effective radio spectrum management regime is increasingly critical.

Radio Spectrum Management (RSM) is a business unit of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and is responsible for efficiently and effectively managing the radio spectrum, including allocating rights for the use of the spectrum, and enforcing compliance with the requirements to ensure legitimate users are able to enjoy their rights.

RSM is responsible for providing policy advice to government on the allocation of New Zealand's radio spectrum, managing the allocation of spectrum and administering the [Radiocommunications Act 1989](#) and the supporting [Radiocommunications Regulations 2001](#).

The key objectives of RSM are to:

- Strengthen the underlying business environment by improving legislative, regulatory, and business frameworks for the efficient and effective functioning of national and international markets.
- Ensure our licence administration is fast, simple, and effective, maintaining the necessary information and systems for successful radio engineering.
- Balance compliance requirements with competition needs. This will ensure a regulatory environment that does not unnecessarily impose burdens on business, but rather encourages innovation.

There are three teams within the overall responsibility:

Policy and Planning team, who:

- Provide advice to government on legislation to support the allocation and management of the radio spectrum resource.
- Provide advice to government on the creation and disposal, and/or retention of spectrum property rights and on the administration of radio licences.
- Represent New Zealand's treaty, policy and technical planning interests in international radio spectrum forums like the International Telecommunications Union, Asia Pacific Telecommunity and IEEE.
- Develop technical frameworks to support the allocation and management of the spectrum resource in New Zealand.
- Administer the disposal (including by sale or auction) of Crown management rights and spectrum licences in accordance with government decisions.
- Publish band plans and technical rules.

Licensing team, who:

- Administer the online Register of Radio Frequencies (for all radio licences, spectrum licences and management rights).
- Administer radio licensing.
- Administer the accreditation of radio engineers and certifiers, and operator certificate examiners.

Compliance team, who are responsible for:

- Radio frequency interference investigation.
- Compliance and enforcement, including administering the electromagnetic compatibility compliance framework for electrical and radio products.

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[Our vision](#)

Our vision is to be a world leader in spectrum management, helping grow New Zealand's connectivity and increase economic growth through a modern telecommunications environment.

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[Radio Spectrum Management organisation chart](#)

Radio Spectrum Management (RSM) is made up of three teams. The Policy and Planning team, the Licensing team, and the Compliance team. We sit in the Building, Resources & Markets group and the Market Services group within the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment.

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[New Zealand Radiocommunications History](#)

A brief history of the regulation of radiocommunications in New Zealand.

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