

NEW LICENSING STRUCTURE FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Australia's amateur radio operators will benefit from a new three-tier licensing structure, introduced on 19 October, which simplifies amateur radio licences by replacing five current licence types with two new licence types and introduces a new foundation licence. The foundation licence will enable people with a basic knowledge of radiocommunications to operate on a range of frequency bands, using a new easier entry point to amateur radio. Existing novice and novice limited licences will be replaced by the standard amateur licence, and unrestricted, intermediate

and limited licences will be replaced by the advanced amateur licence. All amateur licensees will be issued with a licence reflecting their new category.

The three new licensing options provide a graduated range of access to amateur spectrum. The level of access to the spectrum afforded by these licensing options and their corresponding certificates of proficiency reflect three levels of knowledge and skill.

The new licensing structure is an outcome of the former Australian Communication Authority's review of amateur service regulation, which involved extensive public

consultation and considered more than 1,300 submissions and feedback from a series of public meetings held around Australia.

ACMA has amended the *Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Amateur Licence) Determination No.1 of 1997* to introduce the new licensing arrangements for the amateur service.

The amended instrument, the *Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Amateur Licence) Amendment Determination 2005 (No. 1)*, is available on the ACMA website, www.acma.gov.au and go to **Consumer > Radio Operators > About Amateur Radio.**

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<i>Deadly</i>	1	101-113	Animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	CD	19 Sept	SLR Productions Pty Ltd
<i>H2O - Just Add Water</i>	1	1-13	Live action	Drama - series	Australia	New	CD	30 Sept	Jonathan M Shiff Productions Pty Ltd
<i>The Fairies</i>	1	1-52	Live action/animation	Other program	Australia	New	P	30 Sept	The Fairies Development Pty Ltd

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