**Application for an Amateur Radio Special Contest Call Sign**

1. Guidance

You may use this form to request Ofcom to vary your Amateur Radio Full or Full (Club) Licence for the purpose of issuing a Special Contest Call sign (SCC).

The holder of a UK Amateur Radio Full Licence or Full (Club) Licence may apply for a SCC. This call sign may only be used in amateur radio contests of no more than 48 hours duration, run with the aim of contacting as many other stations as possible in a given period of time and run by an amateur radio club, national or international amateur radio association or another organisation (including amateur radio publications), generally accepted within the amateur radio hobby (locally, nationally or internationally) as being a bona fide contest organiser.

The call sign will be in the format ‘G’ or ‘M’, followed by a chosen digit and a chosen suffix letter. Examples are G8Z or M7R. We have made 519 call signs available, (G)(#)(&)(A-Z) and (M)(#)(&)(A-Z), where ‘#’ is an applicable Regional Secondary Locator (if any) and ‘&’ is a digit from 0 to 9.

Although variations are granted by Ofcom, the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) administers, distributes SCCs and also advises Ofcom on applications. However, the RSGB’s advice is only a recommendation, and the final decision remains with Ofcom.

* 1. How Ofcom handles personal data

We require this information in order to carry out our spectrum licensing duties under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. Please see [Ofcom’s General Privacy Statement](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/foi-dp/general-privacy-statement) for further information about how Ofcom handles your personal information and your corresponding right.

1. Qualifying criteria

The qualifying criteria are divided into two parts, – one for contest participation and the other for your achievement in the contest. **Both parts of the criteria must be met in order for a SCC to be granted**.

Ofcom will also consider results from other contests, not listed in Table 1. In those cases, Ofcom will assess the suitability of the contest for the purposes of issuing an SCC.

* 1. Participation criteria

Individual licensees (or the licence-holder in the case of club licensees) must supply evidence of having entered at least five contests from the list in Table 1 within the last five years.

If you are requesting a variation to an individual licence (as opposed to a Full (Club) licence), you must have entered all of the contests as a single operator. If you are applying on behalf of a club, the contests may have been entered as a single operator or as a multi-operator team.

Table : List of qualification contests

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| ARRL DX CW | ARRL DX SSB | ARRL 1.8MHz CW only |
| ARRL 28MHz | ARRL RTTY Roundup | BARTG HF RTTY |
| BARTG SPRINT | BARTG SPRINT75 | BARTG SPRINT PSK63 |
| CQ WPX CW | CQ WPX RTTY | CQ WPX SSB |
| CW WW CW | CQ WW RTTY | CQ WW SSB |
| CQ WW 160m CW | CQ WW 160m SSB | IARU HF Championship |
| Russian DX | UK/EI CW DX Contest | UK/EI SSB DX Contest |
| WAE DX CW | WAE DX RTTY | WAE DX SSB |
| WW-DIGI | RSGB Commonwealth Contest | RSGB IOTA |
| RSGB DX | RSGB 1st 1.8MHz | RSGB 2nd 1.8MHz |
| 144MHz Marconi Memorial | RSGB 50MHz Trophy | RSGB 144MHz Trophy |
| RSGB March 144MHz/432MHz (counts as one contest) | RSGB May 432MHz – 248GHz (counts as one contest) | RSGB 432MHz – 248GHz (Oct) (counts as one contest) |

* 1. Achievement criteria
     1. If you use a UK and Crown Dependency (UK&CD) call sign to enter a contest:

The applicant must have accrued five achievement points from the contests entered. One point is accrued if the licensee (or licence-holder) makes at least one fifth (20%) of the number of contacts of the UK&CD leader. Two points are accrued if the licensee (or licence-holder) makes at least one half (50%) of the number of contacts of the UK&CD leader.

* + 1. If you use a Non-UK&CD call sign to enter a contest:

The applicant must have accrued five achievement points from the contests entered. One point is accrued if the licensee (or licence-holder) makes at least one fifth (20%) of the number of contacts of the world leader. Two points are accrued if the licensee (or licence-holder) makes at least one half (50%) of the number of contacts of the world leader.

1. Application

Call signs for use in amateur radio contests are available to holders of the UK Amateur Radio (Full) Licence and Full (Club) Licence who can demonstrate that they meet the criteria in the section above.

Any variation that we grant will be valid until 31st December 2029, unless, before then, the licensee surrenders the licence or asks for the variation to be cancelled or Ofcom revokes the licence or cancels the variation.

Applications take up to 42 days to be processed.

**Please complete in black ink using block capitals.**

Applicant and station details

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| **If the licence is a Full (Club) licence:** | |
| Name of club |  |
| Name of license holder |  |
| Call sign of license holder |  |
| Club call sign |  |
| Licence № |  |
| **If the licence is a Full licence, issued to an individual in his or her own right (not a club)** | |
| Name of licensee |  |
| Call sign |  |
| Licence № |  |

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| **For all applications** | |
| Main station address of club or individual, as applicable |  |
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| Postal address of licensee / license-holder |  |
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| Telephone |  |
| E-mail address |  |

**Call sign choices**

Please apply on the following form giving three choices of call signs, in order of preference. The RSGB publishes a [list of SCCs](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/information/scc.shtml), which is a guide to availability.

1. New Applications:

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| 1st choice: |  | 2nd choice: |  | 3rd choice: |  |

1. Renewal Applications:

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| Existing Special Contest Call sign: |  |

* 1. Qualifying contests

List at least 5 of the qualification contests that the applicant or club has entered within the last 5 years, together with the call sign used, the section of the qualification contest entered and the number of contacts gained by the applicant or club and by the relevant leader.

Overlay results are not accepted as qualifying criteria. Being a subset, it is easier to gain a higher ranking within an overlay category. Results submitted in support of an application for an SCC NoV must have been gained in the competition as a whole, not just an overlay category. This ensures that Ofcom compare like with like, ensuring that all applications are treated equally.

Table : Qualification contests entered

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| **Qualification contest name** | **Date** | **Section of qualification contest entered** | **Call sign used** | **Contacts gained** | **Call sign of leader** | **Contacts gained by leader** | **Achievement points claimed** |
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* 1. Reapplication

When your variation expires, you may request a fresh variation for the following five-year period, keeping the same call sign, if you still qualify (see ‘Qualifying criteria’, above). You must apply between 1st January and 31st December of the year of expiry. If a fresh application is not received, the call sign will be withdrawn for a period of 2 years before it is made available again.

If the Licence revalidation date falls due during the term of the SCC variation, the variation may be withdrawn if the licensee fails to revalidate the Licence.

You may ask the RSGB to remind you about your renewal, using the following address [scc@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:csc.chair@rsgb.org.uk). While the RSGB has offered this facility, please note that it remains your responsibility to reapply, even if you do not receive a reminder.

1. Declaration

By signing this form, I confirm that I have read and understood all the notes. Any information provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and I have the authority to make this declaration and sign this application. Where this application relates to a Full (Club) licence, I confirm that I have been authorised by the club to make this application.

I understand and accept that:

I will be responsible for compliance with the licence and has the control and supervision of the station;

It may be an offence to knowingly make a false statement in support of this application and may lead to the licence being refused or revoked under the Wireless Telegraphy Act;

We may share the following information with the Radio Society of Great Britain for the purposes of assessing the application, co-ordinating and/or publicising the special contests and for administering Special Contest Call signs:

* The special contests call sign;
* The name and address of the club and call sign of club where relevant;
* The name, address and call sign of the licensee;
* A record of the qualification contests and section entered;
* The date of the contest entered;
* The call signs used;
* The number of contacts gained; and
* The number of contacts gained by the leader.

Ofcom will not give anyone my information to anyone else except in accordance with the law;

I consent to receiving notifications, documents and correspondence in electronic form to my email address.

I request Ofcom to vary the licence described above for the purpose of issuing a Special Contest Call sign.

Name/Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When completed, please send the form by email to [scc@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:scc@rsgb.org.uk). If you require it in another format, please contact us on the email address provided.