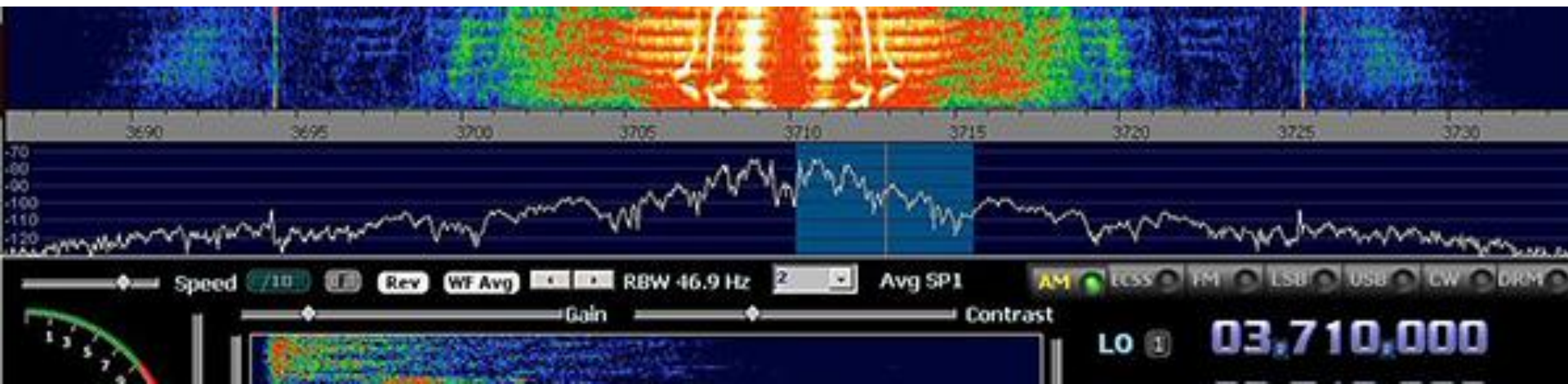


Ofcom Licensing – October 2025 Update

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Ofcom Phases-2/3 – Summary

Previously...

- The current licence was introduced in Feb 2024 (aka Phase-1)
- However Phases-2/3 associated with callsign changes were deferred

October 2025...

Most remaining changes now introduced in the Ofcom online portal:-

- Intermediate callsigns moving from 2x0 / 2x1 to M8 / M9
- Special Event callsigns now more flexible
- Other callsign changes and limits
- Other Ofcom portal changes – including a stronger password requirement

Intermediate Calls

Existing Intermediate calls can be Amended based on:

- 2#0xyx >>>> M8xyz
- 2#1xyx >>>> M9xyz

Where # is a mandatory RSL for the 2 series, but optional for M8/9

Notes:

- Not automatic - You must **amend** your intermediate call on the Ofcom Portal
- New Intermediates: Can choose from other available M8 or M9 calls. Not 2s
- Existing Intermediates: Reservations for your current 'xyz' expire after 5 years

Special Event Stations

Previously...

- Standard format **GBnxyz** available via the Ofcom portal
- ‘**Special-SES**’ such as GB25xyz or GB100xyz was a manual process

Now...

- Single Liberalised **GBdccccca** format available via the Ofcom portal
 - d=digit (but not 3 or 7 as used by repeaters/beacons)
 - c=digit or letter
 - a=letter

Callsign Changes and Limits

Previously...

- Lower licence level callsigns retained as you passed exams
- Many cases of multiple personal callsigns, notably at Full
- Restrictions on changing personal callsigns

Now...

- Automatic revocation of lower calls as you progress or change
- Maximum of 5 callsigns (eg if holding multiple club calls)
- Ability to change a personal call once every five years
- Gradual move to one personal callsign per licensee

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