

Simple Business OfCom Licence

The Scouts Terms and Conditions



Licence validity: 1 February 2024 – 31 January 2029

1. Description of the Radio Equipment licensed

In this Licence, the Radio Equipment means sending and receiving station(s) (“mobile stations”) for wireless telegraphy as defined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Purpose of the Radio Equipment

Subject to the administrative and technical requirements set out in this and the subsequent schedule(s) to this Licence, the Licensee and any person authorised to act on the Licensee’s behalf is hereby authorised to send and receive messages concerning the Scouting activities of the Licensee between the mobile stations.

3. Interface Requirements for the Radio Equipment use

Use of the radio equipment shall be in accordance with the following Interface Requirement:

- IR 2044 for “Business Radio Land Mobile Services, covering Area Defined, Technically Assigned and Light Licence Authorisations”; and
- or for equipment first placed on the market before 8 April 2000, is required to be type approved in accordance with the appropriate published technical performance standards authorised at the date of installation of the Radio Equipment, subject to any modifications authorised by Ofcom.

The Licensee shall provide acceptable documentary evidence of conformity on request within 28 days, for all or any part of the systems, to an Ofcom representative.

4. Special conditions relating to the activities of the Licensee

The Licensee shall ensure that the Radio Equipment is:

- not used to transmit music, broadcast programmes or obscene or offensive language;
- not used as a public address system; and
- not used to send misleading messages.

Upon receipt of messages not connected with the business of the Licensee, the Licensee or any person using the Radio Equipment shall not:

- make known the contents of any such message, its origin or destination, its existence or the fact of its receipt to any person, except to a duly authorised officer of Her Majesty’s Government, a person authorised by Ofcom or in the course of legal proceedings or for the purpose of any report thereof; and
- retain any copy or make any use of any such message, or allow it to be reproduced in writing, copied or made use of.

Technical conditions

The maximum permitted ERP for stations is 5 Watts;

The frequencies listed in this document shall be used in single frequency mode only.

The use of base stations is not permitted.

Interpretation

In this and the subsequent versions(s):

‘ERP’ means effective radiated power, which is the power radiated from the antenna in the direction of maximum radiation and is relative to a half wave dipole; and

‘IR’ means the United Kingdom Radio Interference Requirement published by Ofcom in accordance with Article 8 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonization

of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available of radio equipment on the market (known as the Radio Equipment Directive)).

Frequencies (all 12.5 kHz Bandwidth)

<u>VHF Low Band</u>	<u>VHF Mid Band</u>	<u>VHF High Band</u>	<u>UHF1 Band</u>
77.6875Mhz	164.0500Mhz	169.0875Mhz	449.3125Mhz
86.3375Mhz	164.0625Mhz	169.3125Mhz	449.4000Mhz
86.3500Mhz		173.0500Mhz	449.4750Mhz
86.3625.Mhz		173.0625Mhz	458.7875Mhz
86.3750Mhz		173.0875Mhz	458.8Mhz
			458.8125Mhz
			458.825Mhz

CTCSS/DCS

For a list of CTCSS tones and/or DCS codes that can be used for this type of Licence please refer to the Ofcom Business Radio Technical Frequency Criteria (TFAC) located on the Ofcom website.

It is strongly recommended that you make use of CTCSS or DCS tones to avoid disruption to your communications by other users of the frequencies.

Any CTCSS or DCS tones may be used although you may want to be able to talk to other Scout sub-licensees, in which case it is recommended that you use The Scouts common CTCSS tone of 167.9 Hz.

Special Requirements

Unless specifically authorised the authority is to use radio equipment for the purpose of passing messages on behalf of The Scouts at Scouting events, not for private use.

The licensee must ensure that all persons operating the equipment observe the conditions contained within this document.

While there is no requirement to use callsigns, good practice and as a way of avoiding confusion suggests that they should be used. Individual callsigns should consist of an agreed callsign starting with 'Scout' appended with a number, phonetic letter or an individual's name. Eg "Scout Windsor 1, Scout Windsor 2" "Scout Windsor Alpha, Scout Windsor Bravo" or "Scout Windsor John or Scout Windsor Security" etc.

All stations shall close down at any time on demand by a person acting under the Secretary of State or UK Headquarters of the Scouts.

All correspondence with regard to the sub-licence authority should be addressed to The Scouts and not to Ofcom.

There are many users of these frequencies both within Scouting and by the wider business community. Every licensed user has equal rights to channel occupancy.