



Reserved Call Sign List – Policy and Process

Definition: The Reserved Call Sign list

The Reserved Call Sign List is a list of call signs that are not presently allocated and are not available for allocation.

The Reserved Call Sign List shall include:

- the call signs of deceased amateurs reserved in accordance with clause 7.6 of the Deed between the WIA and ACMA for the provision of Amateur Qualification Services (the Deed);
- any call sign with a combination of letters considered by the WIA as being likely to cause offence to any person or group or to be otherwise inappropriate for any reason; and
- any call sign recommended by the WIA to be withdrawn from being available in accordance with clause 7.4.2 of the Deed which recommendation has been accepted by the ACMA.

Policy

The WIA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that call signs issued are in no way offensive, defamatory, inflammatory, cause distress or vilify any person or organisation.

To achieve this, the WIA has established a policy, agreed to by the ACMA, called “The Reserved Call Sign List”.

The Reserved Call Sign List shall be a list of call signs that will be managed and maintained by the WIA Office and approved by the WIA Board of Directors. This list will contain any call signs that could be considered offensive such as expletives, sexually or racially explicit call signs etc. The list will also contain call signs of deceased amateurs. The current Reserved Call Sign List will become the basis for ongoing maintenance and development of the future Reserved Call Sign List.

A written Reserved Call Sign List can be provided by the WIA upon request. This policy will be located on the WIA website.

Process

Adding call signs to the Reserved Call Sign List

Call signs can be added to the list by an individual or group making application to the WIA Office including a statement as to the reasons why a call sign should be added to the list. This application will be considered by the WIA Office and a recommendation made to the WIA Board for their consideration. The WIA Board will consider the application applying “the reasonable person test” and make a decision at the next scheduled Board meeting.

The ACMA will be provided with any inclusions to the list including the application and the WIA Board's decision.

Removing a call sign from the Reserved Call Sign List

A person can make application to have a call sign removed from the Reserved Call Sign List by making application in writing to the WIA Office including a statement as to the reason a call sign should be removed from the list. This application will be considered by the WIA Office and a recommendation made to the WIA Board for their consideration. The WIA Board will consider the application applying "the reasonable person test" and make a decision at the next scheduled Board meeting. The ACMA will be provided with any exclusions from the list including the application and the WIA Board's decision.