



# Airworthiness Bulletin

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### Aircraft Radio Station Licence

An Airworthiness Bulletin is an advisory document that alerts, educates and makes recommendations about airworthiness matters. Recommendations in this bulletin are not mandatory.

#### 1. Effectivity

All aircraft equipped with radio communication and navigation equipment engaged in international navigation. Either fixed to or carried on board an aircraft.

#### 2. Purpose

Inform aircraft owners and operators about radio station licence issuing and carriage requirements.

#### 3. Background

Article 29 and 30 of The Convention on International Civil Aviation states an aircraft engaged in international navigation and is equipped with radio apparatus, shall carry on board the aircraft a radio station licence.

A radio station licence for an Australian aircraft—is an apparatus licence or class licence for the radiocommunications equipment on board an aircraft issued under the [Radiocommunications \(Aircraft and Aeronautical Mobile Stations\) Class Licence 2016](#) and [Radiocommunications Act 1992](#).

The licence authorises the operation of a range of aeronautical radiocommunications, and radionavigation equipment fixed to, carried on-board and operated from an aircraft station.

It also authorises most ground-based aeronautical mobile radiocommunications equipment operating on the common group of aviation frequencies.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) controls the issue of Australian aircraft radio station licences. For further information refer to the ACMA website [Aircraft and aeronautical mobile station class licence](#).

For a foreign registered aircraft - a radio station licence will be a document that is equivalent to a document mentioned above; and is issued by the aircraft's State of Registry authority that issues radio licences. Foreign registered aircraft can be inspected for their aircraft radio licence.



## 4. Recommendations

The carriage of aircraft radio licences is required by regulation 91.115 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations when an Australian registered aircraft begins or ends a flight from an aerodrome outside Australian territory.

A copy of the radiocommunications class licence (radio station licence) is obtained via an email request to [ACMA Spectrum Licensing Policy Section](#). The applicant must include the aircraft's registration details with the licence request.

## 5. Enquiries

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