

128. If a station should hear his own call sign but is unable to read the call sign of the calling station, he should substitute the signal "QRZ?" for the call sign of the calling station in his reply.

Example:—

— . . . — QRZ? QRZ? QRZ? — VK4YZ VK4YZ VK4YZ

129. When it is necessary to send test signals in order to adjust the apparatus before proceeding with a call or transmission the signals must not be continued for more than about ten seconds and they must be composed of a series of V's followed by the call sign of the sending station. If more lengthy tests are required or anticipated, an artificial aerial must be used. On no account must the unmodulated carrier of a station be allowed to remain on the air on frequencies below 166 mC/s.

130. The use of "CQ" and test calls must be limited as far as practicable and must in every case be followed by the call sign of the station. No portion of any call should be made more than three times, and the duration between calls must be at least two minutes.

131. In radiotelephony, the call comprises the word "Hello," and the call sign of the station called spoken twice, the call sign of the station calling and the word "Calling" spoken twice, and the expression "Come in please, I am standing by" spoken once. The reply to the call comprises the word "Hello" and the call sign of the station called spoken twice, the call sign of the station calling and the word "Answering" spoken twice, and the expression "I hear you strength . . . go ahead please, I am standing by" spoken once.

Example of call:—

Hello VK6AB Hello VK6AB. VK5YZ calling VK5YZ calling. Come in please, I am standing by.

Example of reply:—

Hello VK5YZ Hello VK5YZ. VK6AB answering VK6AB answering. I hear you strength five. Go ahead please, I am standing by.

132. When calling for the purpose of establishing communication, and at the end of each session, the operator of an amateur station, that is being operated as a portable or mobile station, shall indicate clearly the locality from which he is transmitting and that he is operating as portable or mobile, whichever applies. Suggested methods of calling are as follows:—

(a) — . . . — CQ CQ CQ — VK5YZ VK5YZ VK5YZ
portable Emerald Queensland

(b) — . . . — VK3AB VK3AB VK3AB — VK3YZ VK3YZ
VK3YZ portable Emerald

(c) Hello VK2UZ Hello VK2UZ. VK6YZ calling VK6YZ calling
and operating portable from Croydon New South Wales.
Come in please. I am standing by.

(d) Hello VK4UB Hello VK4UB. VK4AM calling VK4AM calling
and operating portable between Bowen and Proserpine. Come
in please. I am standing by.

(Note that the name of the State is given when operating interstate and there is a town of the same name in the licensee's home State as that from which he is operating.)

133. The use of prolonged calls causes considerable interference with other amateur station licensees working in the same frequency band and does not improve the caller's chances of establishing communication. Prolonged calls must, therefore, be avoided.

134. The operator of an amateur station shall transmit the call sign of the station being worked and the call sign allotted to the station that he is operating at the beginning and end of each session, and at least once in every five minutes during the session.

135. Call signs must, in all cases, be signalled in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to their identity, and must include the nationality prefix letters.