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# Changes to the Amateur LCD

## Foreword:

The long awaited licence condition changes are here as of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019. There are little wins for everybody. Whilst there are no new bands to play with, nor any power increases, the emissions bandwidths have been “fixed” to allow the use of today’s current digital technologies.

The biggest win is we can now entice new amateurs to get their foundation licence AND play with current technologies. This can only be a good thing for the hobby.

Here is everything in a nutshell.

## New Bandwidths and Emission Modes:

### Advanced Licence:

- Most HF Bands have had the 8khz Limit increased, any mode.
- 10M has had the 16khz bandwidth increased, any mode.
- No bandwidth limit above 52Mhz, any mode.

### Standard Licence:

- Same conditions as Advanced within your allowable bands

### Foundation Licence:

- Same conditions as Advanced within your allowable bands  
(This means digital!!!)

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## Restrictions:

### Advanced and Standard:

There are no changes to the restrictions for Advanced and Standard, save the changes to the use of the 3.6Ghz band for Advanced Licence holders.

### Foundation:

- Connections to a public telecommunications network is now allowed under section 11B. The restrictions are the same as Advanced and Standard. (Think echolink, VKlink nodes).
- A Foundation licence holder can now allow another person to operate a station – Excellent for JOTA Stations.
- You can now use computer controlled or automatic modes.
- You can now build your own transmitting equipment. The commercial manufactured equipment requirement has been removed. It is suggested though that you ensure your spurious emissions are within spec.
- It is unclear whether or not a Foundation Licence holder can operate a repeater station.

These changes can only be a good thing for Amateur Radio. An amended version of the LCD 2015 will be available on request from the NEVARC.

## Disclaimer:

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the information in this document correct, do not rely on it for your licence conditions. Refer to the:

- Radiocommunications act 1992
- Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Amateur Licence Determination 2015; and
- Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Amateur Licence) Omnibus Amendment Instrument 2019 (No.1)