

VKS-737 & HF-Tel

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Conditions for use of the VKS-737 & HF-Tel Radio Networks.

The VKS-737 Radio Network Inc. holds Land Mobile licences issued by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) permitting the operation Base Stations operating on the frequencies of 5455kHz, 8022kHz, 11612kHz, 14977kHz, 3995kHz, 6796kHz & 10180kHz. These licences are issued in accordance with the Radiocommunications Act No.174 of 1992.

VKS-737 subscribers are only issued with a **LICENCE AUTHORITY** to allow **mobile** use of the above listed frequencies under Section 114 of the Radio Communications Act No.174 of 1992 for the period of time as indicated upon their annual Licence Authority Card. The Licence Authority is NOT transferable.

The onus of Licence Authority renewal rests with the subscriber, not with the VKS-737 Radio Network.

Non-receipt of a Renewal Notice for whatsoever reason does not give those individuals the right to use VKS-737 frequencies after the expiry date shown on their Licence Authority Card.

Subscribers are required to notify VKS-737 Head Office of any change of postal address. Failure to comply may result in suspension of the subscriber's Licence Authority to use VKS-737 frequencies until a valid postal address is provided. The VKS-737 Radio Network will not be held responsible for loss of access to VKS-737 facilities during the period of suspension, nor be liable for any costs or losses incurred during the suspension or costs involved reinstating the Licence Authority.

Subscribers **DO NOT** require an ACMA Outpost Mobile Licence (RFDS licence) to operate on the VKS-737 Network frequencies.

An Outpost Mobile Licence **DOES NOT** permit operation on the frequencies allocated to the VKS-737 Network.

At all times VKS-737 subscribers are required to use the correct Callsign when operating on VKS-737 Network frequencies:

Full Callsigns i.e. *VKS-737 Mobile 5291* must be given at the beginning and end of all transmissions, including Selcalls and Beacon calls, and at periods of no greater than 10 minutes during transmissions.

Providing that the full callsigns are given at the beginning and end of a session, it is allowable to use the abbreviated Callsign i.e. *Mobile 5291* during transmissions.

Subscribers **MUST** leave a 3 second pause between every "over" to allow other VKS-737 subscribers and / or Base Stations to join into the conversation or base station scheduled sessions.

Communications are permitted, at any time, between VKS-737 Network subscribers operating **mobile**, anywhere in Australia, and Fixed Licensed VKS-737 Base Stations.

Communications are permitted on a **non-interference** basis, at any time, between VKS-737 subscribers operating **mobile**, anywhere in Australia.

At all times, communications to and from VKS-737 Base Stations, shall take precedence (except in the case of genuine emergencies) over ALL mobile traffic.

VKS-737 subscribers should be mindful that we do not have exclusive use of our allocated frequencies and must therefore not engage in activities that would prevent those users rightful access to the frequencies.

EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF GENUINE EMERGENCIES, subscribers are **NOT** permitted to make contact with **NON** VKS-737 subscribers (i.e. VMS-469 Radiodata Pty Ltd Bush Telegraph & VKE-237 HF Radio Club) who are sharing some of our frequencies.

Subscribers must keep the relevant frequencies clear from the commencement, until after the completion of the regular daily traffic schedules through the VKS-737 Bases.

In the case of Emergency Traffic, all mobile stations shall cease transmission on the relevant frequency, and stand-by to render any assistance that may be necessary, until the Emergency Traffic is cleared.

Subscribers using a Selcall Beacon Call to check transmission path conditions to either an authorised base station, or another mobile station, shall first announce their callsign and do so in a manner such as not to cause interference and inconvenience to other users.

All equipment used for communication on the VKS-737 Network shall comply with ACMA Radiocommunications (MF and HF equipment – Land Mobile Services) Standard 2003 (as amended) made under subsection 162 (1) of the Radiocommunications Act No. 174 of 1992 and Australian / New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4770:2000 (The use of Amateur Radio Equipment is prohibited)

No subscriber shall operate any Fixed Base Station Equipment (i.e. fixed transmitters, antennas etc) other than those licensed by the ACMA.

No subscriber shall connect Mobile Transmitting Equipment to a Fixed (Base Station) Antenna system.

Subscribers are reminded that VKS-737 Radio Network frequencies of 5455kHz, 8022kHz, 11612kHz, 14977kHz, 3995kHz, 6796kHz and 10180kHz are licensed for VOICE traffic ONLY, and that Selcall and Beacon Calls are annoying and disruptive to other users, have no priority over voice traffic, and should only be used sparingly to prevent disruption of existing voice traffic.

Under ACMA Regulations the use of the VKS-737 Radio Network frequencies of 5455kHz, 8022kHz, 11612kHz, 14977kHz, 3995kHz, 6796kHz and 10180kHz for Automatic Link Establishment (ALE or CALM), Automatic GPS Position Reporting, Data Transmission, Page Calls & SMS calls is **NOT** authorised.

In addition to the above conditions, subscribers are reminded that all transmissions must be in accordance to all regulations as laid down in the Radio Communications Act No. 174 of 1992, as well as conditions as laid down in Australian Communications and Media Authority documents RIB 29 & RIB 68.

Any subscriber found to be in contravention of the above Conditions will have their Authority to use the VKS-737 frequencies under Section 114 of the Radio Communications Act No. 174 of 1992 immediately CANCELLED and may be reported to the Australian Communications & Media Authority for possible prosecution under the Radiocommunications Act No. 174 of 1992.