



Radiocommunications 1.5 GHz Frequency Band Plan 2015

made under subsection 32(1) of the

Radiocommunications Act 1992

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About this compilation

This compilation

This is a compilation of the *Radiocommunications 1.5 GHz Frequency Band Plan 2015* that shows the text of the law as amended and in force on 31 August 2023 (the **compilation date**).

The notes at the end of this compilation (the **endnotes**) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of provisions of the compiled law.

Uncommenced amendments

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not shown in the text of the compiled law. Any uncommenced amendments affecting the law are accessible on the Register (www.legislation.gov.au). The details of amendments made up to, but not commenced at, the compilation date are underlined in the endnotes. For more information on any uncommenced amendments, see the Register for the compiled law.

Application, saving and transitional provisions for provisions and amendments

If the operation of a provision or amendment of the compiled law is affected by an application, saving or transitional provision that is not included in this compilation, details are included in the endnotes.

Modifications

If the compiled law is modified by another law, the compiled law operates as modified but the modification does not amend the text of the law. Accordingly, this compilation does not show the text of the compiled law as modified. For more information on any modifications, see the Register for the compiled law.

Self-repealing provisions

If a provision of the compiled law has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law, details are included in the endnotes.

1 Name of frequency band plan

This frequency band plan is the *Radiocommunications 1.5 GHz Frequency Band Plan 2015*.

4 Interpretation

(1) In this frequency band plan, unless the contrary intention appears:

1.5 GHz band means the frequency band greater than 1427 MHz and not exceeding 1535 MHz.

authorised service, in relation to a part of the 1.5 GHz band specified in an item in column 2 of the Table of Frequency Band Allocations in Part 2 of the spectrum plan, means a service specified in that item.

broadcasting-satellite service has the meaning given by the spectrum plan.

broadcasting service has the meaning given by the spectrum plan.

fixed service has the meaning given by the spectrum plan.

mobile service has the meaning given by the spectrum plan.

point to multipoint service means a fixed service between a land station and 2 or more associated land stations.

public telecommunications service means a telecommunications service used to supply a carriage service to the public.

Note 1 In accordance with paragraph 13(1)(b) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, other expressions in this frequency band plan have the same meaning as in the Act, including:

- ACMA (see section 5)
- frequency band (see section 5)
- spectrum plan (see section 5)

Note 2 Other terms used in this frequency band plan may be defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2015*, including:

- Act
- land station

5 Purpose of the 1.5 GHz band

Subject to section 6, a frequency band that is part of the 1.5 GHz band may be used for the operation of each authorised service that relates to the frequency band.

6 Limitations on the use of the 1.5 GHz band

Subject to subsections 10(4), 10(5), 10(6), 10(7) and 10(8) of the spectrum plan, the limitations set out in clause 1 of Schedule 1 are placed on the use of frequency bands that are part of the 1.5 GHz band.

7 Additional purpose of the 1.5 GHz band

Despite anything else in this frequency band plan, a frequency band that is part of the 1.5 GHz band may be used for the purpose of operating a radiocommunications device in accordance with:

- (a) the *Radiocommunications (Science and Research) Class Licence 2023*, as in force from time to time; or
- (b) if another instrument replaces that class licence – the other instrument, as in force from time to time.

Schedule 1 Limitations on the use of the 1.5 GHz band

(section 6)

1 Limitations on the use of frequency bands in the 1.5 GHz band

The use of a frequency band mentioned in column 2 of an item in the table below is limited in the manner set out in column 3 of that item.

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
Item no.	Frequency band	Limitation
1	1452 – 1492 MHz	A person must not operate a fixed service in the frequency band unless: (a) the person has continuously held a licence from 2 December 1996 onwards, authorising the person to operate the service in the frequency band; or (b) the service is a point to multipoint service operated on a frequency mentioned in clause 2 of this Schedule 1 for the delivery of public telecommunications services in a rural or remote area.
2	1452 MHz – 1492 MHz	A person must not operate a mobile service in the frequency band unless the person has continuously held a licence from 2 December 1996 onwards, authorising the person to operate the service in the frequency band.
3	1452 MHz – 1492 MHz	A person must not operate a broadcasting service in the frequency band.
4	1452 MHz – 1492 MHz	A person must not operate a broadcasting-satellite service in the frequency band.
5	1525 MHz – 1530 MHz	A person must not operate a fixed service in the frequency band unless: (a) the person has continuously held a licence from 2 December 1996 onwards, authorising the person to operate the service in the frequency band; or (b) the service is a point to multipoint service operated on a frequency mentioned in clause 2 of this Schedule 1 for the delivery of public telecommunications services in a rural or remote area.

2 Permitted point to multipoint frequencies

For the purposes of paragraph (b) of the limitations in items 1 and 5 in the table in clause 1, the frequencies are:

1431.5 MHz	1453.5 MHz	1492 MHz	1514 MHz
1433.5 MHz	1455.5 MHz	1494 MHz	1516 MHz
1435.5 MHz	1457.5 MHz	1496 MHz	1518 MHz
1437.5 MHz	1459.5 MHz	1498 MHz	1520 MHz
1439.5 MHz	1461.5 MHz	1500 MHz	1522 MHz
1441.5 MHz	1463.5 MHz	1502 MHz	1524 MHz
1443.5 MHz	1465.5 MHz	1504 MHz	1526 MHz
1445.5 MHz	1467.5 MHz	1506 MHz	1528 MHz
1447.5 MHz	1469.5 MHz	1508 MHz	1530 MHz
1449.5 MHz	1471.5 MHz	1510 MHz	1532 MHz
1451.5 MHz	1473.5 MHz	1512 MHz	1534 MHz

Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide information about this compilation and the compiled law.

The following endnotes are included in every compilation:

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

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Abbreviation key—Endnote 2

The abbreviation key sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended (or will amend) the compiled law. The information includes commencement details for amending laws and details of any application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision (generally section or equivalent) level. It also includes information about any provision of the compiled law that has been repealed in accordance with a provision of the law.

Misdescribed amendments

A misdescribed amendment is an amendment that does not accurately describe how an amendment is to be made. If, despite the misdescription, the amendment can be given effect as intended, then the misdescribed amendment can be incorporated through an editorial change made under section 15V of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

If a misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect as intended, the amendment is not incorporated and “(md not incorp)” is added to the amendment history.

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

ad = added or inserted

am = amended

amdt = amendment

c = clause(s)

C[x] = Compilation No. x

Ch = Chapter(s)

def = definition(s)

Dict = Dictionary

disallowed = disallowed by Parliament

Div = Division(s)

exp = expires/expired or ceases/ceased to have effect

F = Federal Register of Legislation

gaz = gazette

LA = *Legislation Act 2003*

LIA = *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*

(md not incorp) = misdescribed amendment cannot be given effect

mod = modified/modification

No. = Number(s)

o = order(s)

Ord = Ordinance

orig = original

par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s)
/sub-subparagraph(s)

pres = present

prev = previous

(prev...) = previously

Pt = Part(s)

r = regulation(s)/rule(s)

reloc = relocated

renum = renumbered

rep = repealed

rs = repealed and substituted

s = section(s)/subsection(s)

Sch = Schedule(s)

Sdiv = Subdivision(s)

SLI = Select Legislative Instrument

SR = Statutory Rules

Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s)

SubPt = Subpart(s)

underlining = whole or part not

commenced or to be commenced

Endnote 3—Legislation history

Name	Registration	Commencement	Application, saving and transitional provisions
<i>Radiocommunications 1.5 GHz Frequency Band Plan 2015</i>	14 August 2015 (see F2015L01271)	15 August 2015	
<i>Radiocommunications (Science and Research) Frequency Band Plans Amendment Instrument (No. 1) 2023</i>	30 August 2023 (see F2023L01129)	31 August 2023	

Endnote 4—Amendment history

Provision affected	How affected
s.2.....	rep. LA s.48D
s.3.....	rep. LA s.48C
s.7.....	ad. F2023L01129