



Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority makes the following instrument under subsection 156(1) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

Dated: 18 September 2025

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[signed]
Member

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1 Name

These are the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

The instrument commences at the later of:

- (a) the start of the day after the day this instrument is registered;
- (b) the start of 1 October 2025.

Note: The Federal Register of Legislation may be accessed, free of charge, at www.legislation.gov.au.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 156(1) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

4 Schedule

Each instrument that is specified in the Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items of the Schedule, and any other item in the Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Consequential amendments because of sunseting instruments

(section 4)

Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021 (F2021L00661)

1 Paragraphs 54A(1)(b) and (c)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (b) subject to subsection (1A), in a case where there is a requirement to the effect that the device is tested or inspected before it may be used in Australia – the requirement has been satisfied; and
- (c) in a case where:
 - (i) subject to subsection (1A), there is a condition or requirement on the use or operation of the device in Australia; and
 - (ii) the prohibition in Part 2 relates to causing radio emission to be made by the device;the device is only used or operated in compliance with that condition or requirement; and

2 After subsection 54A(1)

Insert:

- (1A) Paragraph (1)(b) and subparagraph (1)(c)(i) do not apply in relation to a condition or requirement in:
 - (a) Part 2 of this instrument; or
 - (b) Schedule 5 to this instrument; or
 - (c) the LIPD class licence, to the extent the condition or requirement relates to:
 - (i) Part 2 of this instrument; or
 - (ii) Schedule 5 to this instrument.

3 Clause 3 of Schedule 5 (table item 2, cells in columns 1 and 2)

Omit the cells, substitute:

HF CB Standard	HF CB radio equipment
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Note: See Part 4.

4 Clause 9 of Schedule 5 (note)

Repeal the note, substitute:

- Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:
- (a) ambulatory station;
 - (b) land mobile frequency;
 - (c) land mobile service;
 - (d) land mobile system station;
 - (e) point to multipoint station;
 - (f) point to point station;
 - (g) ship;
 - (h) station.

5 Part 4 of Schedule 5 (heading)

Omit ‘and Handphone’.

6 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (heading)

Omit ‘and Handphone’.

7 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (definition of *handphone equipment*)

Repeal the definition.

8 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (definition of *handphone station*, including the note)

Repeal the definition and note.

9 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (definition of *HF CB station*)

Omit ‘channel mentioned in Part 1 of’, substitute ‘channel centred on a high frequency specified in’.

10 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (definition of *regulated handphone service*)

Repeal the definition.

11 Clause 13 of Schedule 5 (notes at the end)

Repeal the notes, substitute:

Note 1: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, **station** was defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

Note2: In this Part, “carrier” is not intended to have the meaning given by the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

12 Subclause 14(1) of Schedule 5

Omit ‘and Handphone’.

13 Subclause 14(2) of Schedule 5

Omit ‘and Handphone’.

14 Clause 16 of Schedule 5 (notes at the end)

Repeal the notes, substitute:

Note 1: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:

- (a) land mobile service;
- (b) single sideband.

Note 2: In this Part, “carrier” is not intended to have the meaning given by the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

15 Clause 18 of Schedule 5 (note)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, **paging system station** was defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

16 Clause 21 of Schedule 5 (note at the end)

Repeal the note, substitute:

- Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:
- (a) CB repeater station;
 - (b) ultra high frequency.

17 Clause 25 of Schedule 5 (note at the end)

Repeal the note, substitute:

- Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:
- (a) aeronautical station;
 - (b) aircraft station;
 - (c) mobile station.

18 Clause 29 of Schedule 5 (notes at the end)

Repeal the notes, substitute:

- Note 1: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:
- (a) maritime mobile-satellite service;
 - (b) mobile earth station;
 - (c) mobile-satellite service.
- Note 2: In this Part, “carrier” is not intended to have the meaning given by the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

19 Clause 33 of Schedule 5

Insert:

Australian territorial sea means the sea within the limits of the territorial sea declared under subsection 7(1) of the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.

20 Clause 33 of Schedule 5 (definition of *inshore boating radio service*, including the notes)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

inland waterways means waters within Australia, other than the Australian territorial sea.

inshore boating radio service means a maritime mobile service comprising:

- (a) one or more limited coast stations; and
- (b) one or more maritime ship stations;

that operate in either or both the Australian territorial sea or inland waterways.

limited coast station has the meaning given by:

- (a) the *Radiocommunications (Maritime Ship Station) Class Licence 2025*; or
- (b) if a later instrument replaces that class licence and defines the term – the later instrument.

Note 1: The *Radiocommunications (Maritime Ship Station) Class Licence 2025* is available, free of charge, from the Federal Register of Legislation at www.legislation.gov.au.

Note 2: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, the following expressions were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*:

- (a) 27 MHz maritime frequency;
- (b) maritime mobile service;

- (c) maritime ship station.

Note 3: In this Part, “carrier” is not intended to have the meaning given by the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.

21 Clause 36 of Schedule 5 (note)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:

- (a) high frequency;
- (b) maritime mobile service;
- (c) medium frequency.

22 Clause 44 of Schedule 5 (note at the end)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:

- (a) GMDSS;
- (b) limited coast assigned system station;
- (c) limited coast marine rescue station;
- (d) limited coast non assigned station;
- (e) maritime mobile service.

23 Paragraph 53(3)(a) of Schedule 5

Omit ‘section 7 of’.

24 Paragraph 53(3)(b) of Schedule 5

Omit ‘paragraph 7(b) or (d) of’.

25 Paragraph 53(3)(c) of Schedule 5

Omit ‘in paragraph 7(a) of’, substitute ‘for the device in’.

26 Clause 54 of Schedule 5 (definition of *radio-controlled model equipment*)

Omit ‘(including a drone), model landcraft or model watercraft’, substitute ‘, model landcraft or model vessel’.

27 Clause 54 of Schedule 5 (notes at the end)

Repeal the notes, substitute:

Note 1: At the time the *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Amendment Rules 2025 (No. 1)* commenced, a number of expressions used in this Part were defined in the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*, including:

- (a) EIRP;
- (b) spurious emission.

Note 2: In this Part, “carrier” is not intended to have the meaning given by the *Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Determination 2025*.