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**From:** Sean McQueen  
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**Subject:** RE: 2020-04-13 Questions about recent News to facilitate AOCP(F) holders [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, which has been referred to me for a response.

ACMA staff have been considering submissions on call sign policy from both the WIA and RASA, chiefly to facilitate access to digital modes by foundation licensees. This follows the ACMA making the enabling regulatory changes to the amateur LCD in 2019. The Australian Maritime College (AMC) administers aspects of amateur radio on behalf of the ACMA, and the ACMA will seek the views of the AMC before making a decision on call sign policy. The ACMA will notify amateur radio stakeholders, and will update its website, when it makes a final decision on this matter.

For the avoidance of confusion, we have provided for use by both the WIA and RASA a set of words, consistent with those conveyed immediately above.

Regards

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*The ACMA acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. We recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

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April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

I am writing to you as the holder of an Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (Standard) and as an active and concerned Radio Amateur.

There has been some news and discussion circulating recently on an ACMA decision to update conditions, in particular making 3 letter suffixes available to the holders of an AOCP(F) to facilitate their activities in the hobby.

There are two representative bodies that claim to have received information from the ACMA in relation to this, but the information from both these organisations differs.

This differing information released into the public domain has generated some discussion that is both conflicting and troubling. I believe this damages the standing that the hobby has within the community. I also believe that the credibility of all the players in this space is also being diminished. I believe this is further amplified by a lack of official information from the ACMA.

I have seen a note on the AMC Website at <https://www.amc.edu.au/industry/amateur-radio/news-updates> that "All enquiries relating to this matter should be directed to the ACMA"



My question is thus, will you please publish and disseminate an authoritative statement in relation to the ACMA decision to update conditions in relation to AOCP(F) holders.

This will serve to provide clear, accurate and up to date information to the community.

Thank you in anticipation

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