Proposed amateur radio qualifications and assessor accreditation arrangements.

A.

Future full online assessments OK, but practical might be difficult to implement.   Do UK Offcom manage a prac test fully online?   Using Zoom or Teams may work.   This may be needed for remote assesments anyway.

Presumably some form of application would need to be completed by a candidate prior to testing?

C.

No fees may be charged for the likes of test paper printing etc, but in the case where a room must be hire (not all organisations are philanthropic) can candidates be charged for costs of room hire?

Are perusal times allowed for befor a written test?

General.

For emergency/training purposes, operators currently set up repeaters on one of the repeater frequency pairs designated in the WIA "Band Plans" as a "portable repeater" or some other frequencies which will not cause interference.   These repeaters are usually operated on an 'attended' basis by holders of an advanced qualification.   It is desired that these conditions continue without the need for a formal frequency assigning and licencing process given that locations are usually not necessarily known beforehand.

Currently an amateur licence with callsign can be transferred to another suitably qualified operator.   It would be desirable for this siruation to continue, involvingv the transfer of "callsign" to another holder of a "recognition certificate".

Exclusion of connection to a 'telecommunication network' presumably should not preclude the use of some form of internet linking as used by digital modes like DMR or DStar for example, but rather be limited to traffic being carried as part of a switched telephone system, "phone patch".

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