

Feedback on the proposed new qualification framework for amateur radio and the associated accreditation scheme, as well as the draft 2023–24 Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS).

#### Question 2

Do you have comments about the development and implementation of a wholly online system for examinations and qualifications in the future?

I fully support development and implementation of an online framework. I have been involved with numerous online sessions, both Australian (~100) and USA /ARRL FCC (over 500) and see this as the way to go in the future.

I feel ACMA needs to look closely at how other countries are dealing with online exams, especially the USA. Privately written software is being used by all the major USA examining bodies. Software that provides a secure delivery of exams and an automated process of administration paperwork. Candidates are emailed a completion certificate minutes after sitting for the exam. In-person sessions have been streamlined.

Online will allow assessors to finalise exam sessions in a matter of minutes compared to the time spent now. I am happy to provide further information if required

#### Question 8

Do you have any comments on the proposed fees for amateur qualification and call sign services outlined in the draft 2023–24 Fees Cost Recovery Implementation Statement?

The ACMA recognition certificate application fee of \$45.20 should be the only fee payable.

A new operator would receive a random callsign with or without RPL assessment should attract one \$45.20 payment.

Let's call it an administration fee, which would also be applied to each callsign held by existing amateurs, every ten years, as a way of determining if the station is still active.

Additional callsign applications and callsign changes should each attract the administration fee.

Volunteers seem to be doing a lot of work, with no cost recovery, they should be made aware of exactly what qualifications are required to process RPL's. Maybe we can find a qualified volunteer for the RPL's.