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To: SLPSConsultations
Subject: Treatment of existing licensees with overseas qualifications

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new amateur radio assessor accreditation and qualification framework.

Page 2 of the [Overview – Amateur Class Licence and supporting arrangements](#) document states that "To assist in a smooth transition to the class licensing arrangements, around a month prior to the class licence's commencement, the ACMA will send all current non-assigned amateur licensees a letter that will confirm whether they are authorised to operate under the class licence and include their qualification level and call sign (transition letter)" and then goes on to say "Qualified persons holding recognised qualifications and a call sign will be authorised to operate under the class licence as long as they comply with its conditions".

The [Draft Amateur Radio Qualification Framework](#) paper (page 11) indicates relevant domestic qualifications will be recognised for the purpose of issuing an ACMA recognition certificate under the Class Licence but it's not clear that equivalent (or higher) overseas qualifications will be recognised in the same way.

I see no reason for the transition arrangements to discriminate between existing licensees with a domestic qualification and those with an equivalent (or higher) overseas qualification.

Please confirm that existing licensees with relevant overseas qualifications will be treated in the same manner as those with domestic qualifications for the purpose of being authorised to operate under the new Class Licence

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to your advice.

Yours sincerely

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