

South African Radio League
Requirements for licencing of Amateur Radio Unattended Stations
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Scope

Unattended stations include all of the following:

- Voice repeaters
- Digital repeaters
- Beacons
- Bulletin Board Systems
- Node stations which link two or more of the above

Note: These rules do not apply to stations located at the registered installation address of licenced amateurs which provide BBS 'digipeating' or APRS services. These are considered to be covered by the ordinary amateur licence.

Conditions

Unattended station licences are generally only issued to recognized radio clubs or societies. In special circumstances an unattended station licence may be issued to an individual.

In all cases the applicant must already hold a South African amateur radio licence of a category which covers the proposed station operation.

The registered owner individual, radio club or society will be responsible for operation of the station. This includes technical operation, interference issues and policing of the behaviour of all users of the station.

All applications for unattended station licences must be made via the SARL.

All new unattended station applications must be approved by the SARL band planner, and by the regional band planning committee, where this exists.

Documents required

1. SARL unattended station registration form, available on the SARL web site (See below)
2. ICASA Radio Communication Application Form (Green form) (available for download from the SARL web site)
3. ICASA Appendix A – Details of fixed and Mobile Terrestrial Service (Pink form) (available for download from the SARL web site)
4. Copy of current amateur radio licence in the name of the applicant
5. Proof of payment of required application fee
6. Where the licence is requested in the name of a club or society, a copy of the constitution of the club or society must accompany the application.

Fees Payable

Only the following application fee is required when applying for a new unattended station licence.

Beacon	R 100
Repeater station including radio link	R 100 (Voice repeaters)
Digipeater / bulletin board	R 100 (Digital repeaters, APRS, and BBS)
Experimental station for weather satellite reception and retransmission	R 210

Annual licence fees

Once the application has been approved by ICASA and a licence number allocated the registered owner will receive an invoice for the required annual licence fee in respect of the pro-rata period of the current licence year. This may then be paid at any Post Office, using the new licence number.

Annual licence fees are as follows:

Beacon	R 48
Repeater station including radio link	R 48
Digipeater / bulletin board	R 48
Experimental station for weather satellite reception and retransmission	R 27

Payment of Fees

Application fees may be paid by any of the following methods

By payment at any Post Office as follows:

Licence number = "007 000 000"

Narrative: Name of radio club or society

NB: The Post Office receipt must accompany the application.

By bank deposit or electronic transfer as follows:

Bank: Nedbank Pretoria

Branch Code: 146245

Account Number:1462002927

Narrative: Licence number "007 000 000" plus Name of applicant

NB: Deposit slip or proof of payment must accompany the application.

Payments in cash or by cheque are NOT accepted.

Important Notes

If the true owner of an unattended station is a radio club or society, DO NOT register it in the name of an individual, as this may change, and will incur additional fees and complications to change in the future. Note that where applications are made in the name of a radio club or society, a copy of the constitution of the club or society must accompany the application.

The SARL Unattended Station Registration Form available on the SARL web site now updates the SARL repeater database automatically. Please refer to the web site at url <http://www.sarl.org.za/public/local/Unmanned.asp> for details on completing and printing this form. As no callsign or licence number will be available at application, temporary numbers will be automatically allocated by the web form.

All callsigns for unattended station are allocated by the SARL. Applicants may request a specific callsign, provided it fits into the following framework. Generally the following prefixes will be used:

ZS0 Packet BBS and BBS Nodes

ZS1-6 Beacons are registered in the same way as ordinary ZS stations, with the 3rd character indicating the division.

ZU9 Voice repeaters, independent voice repeater link stations, APRS digipeaters

? Weather fax relay stations
