

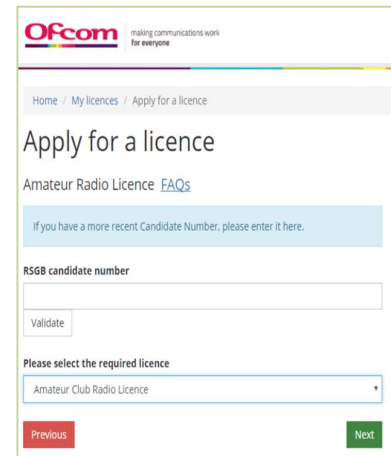
First off – well done, and welcome to the hobby! Here are a few bits of information to help with the next steps.

### **How to get your callsign:**

Normally, you should be able to get your callsign and licence after approximately 6 working days. You'll receive a certificate from the RSGB in the post, and will need to get your licence and callsign from Ofcom.

The first thing to do is register on the Ofcom website, [ofcom.force.com](http://ofcom.force.com) - You'll need your five-digit candidate number, which is on the certificate and may have been given to you by the examination team. If you have this number, you can sometimes get your callsign without having to wait for the posted certificate.

For a step-by-step guide, go to: [www.essexham.co.uk/getcallsign](http://www.essexham.co.uk/getcallsign)



### **Join the Newbie Net:**

If you're in the Essex area and you're looking for the opportunity to use your new callsign amongst friends for the first time, try the Essex Ham Monday Night Net.

The net normally starts at 8pm on a Monday evening on the 2 metre repeater GB3DA, based in Danbury, Chelmsford. Full details can be found at [www.essexham.net](http://www.essexham.net)



### **Handy Amateur Radio Websites:**

- [www.rsgb.org](http://www.rsgb.org) - The Radio Society of Great Britain. Information on all aspects of amateur radio, plus lots of help and advice. Go here for the latest amateur radio band plans.
- [services.ofcom.org.uk](http://services.ofcom.org.uk) - Manage your amateur radio licence at Ofcom.
- [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) - An online directory of amateur radio callsigns.
- [www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk](http://www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk) - The Essex Repeater Group's website.
- [www.essexham.co.uk/clubs](http://www.essexham.co.uk/clubs) - A list of amateur radio clubs in Essex.
- [www.southgatearc.org](http://www.southgatearc.org) – For the latest amateur radio news.
- [www.ukrepeater.net](http://www.ukrepeater.net) - A list of all the active repeaters in the UK.
- [www.echolink.org/logins.jsp](http://www.echolink.org/logins.jsp) - A list of all the active worldwide EchoLink connections

#### **Help and Advice from Essex Ham:**

*The Essex Ham website promotes amateur radio in Essex and to help people get on-air. Free services include a local events guide, the Monday Night Net, getting started guides, a chat forum and pages of advice aimed at newcomers to the hobby, please go to [www.essexham.co.uk](http://www.essexham.co.uk)*