ECC Recommendation (05)06

CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence

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# introduction

For many years administrations and radio amateurs have had good experience with the existing CEPT Radio Amateur Licences and the arrangements in Recommendation T/R 61-01. As the provisions of Recommendation T/R 61-01 allow non-CEPT administrations to join this licencing system, several countries outside CEPT have made use of it. It is now proposed that this concept be applied to CEPT Novice Radio Amateur licence as described in this Recommendation. The criteria for the corresponding CEPT Amateur Radio Novice examination are described in ERC Report 32.

This Recommendation as revised in 2016 allows any non-CEPT administration wishing to join the framework of the Recommendation to declare in a 'Statement of Conformity' (SOC) as provided in Annex 5. The final approval for applications by non-CEPT administrations would still be subject to the agreement of CEPT administrations.

# ECC recommendation (05)06 of 5 october 2005 on cept novice radio amateur licence, amended may 2016, latest editorial update of annex 2 on 16 february 2024

“The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

*considering*

1. that in many countries novice licences exist, none of which are included in the procedures of Recommendation T/R 61-01;
2. that it is necessary to harmonise licencing procedures for temporary use of radio amateur stations in CEPT countries and non-CEPT countries;
3. that issuing of individual temporary novice guest licences is an increasing burden for administrations;
4. that international organisations representing amateur service licensees support the simplification of procedures to obtain temporary operational privileges for foreign visitors in CEPT countries and in other countries;
5. that the harmonisation of licence procedures for the temporary use of stations in the Amateur Service and Amateur Satellite Service has been or may be implemented by Regional Telecommunications Organisations (RTOs) in other ITU Regions or sub-regions and agreements between CEPT and these organisations may be beneficial;
6. that this Recommendation bears no relation to the import and export of amateur radio equipment, which is subject only to relevant customs regulations;
7. that despite the procedures of this Recommendation, administrations always have the right to require separate bilateral agreements when recognising the radio amateur licences issued by foreign administrations.

*recommends*

1. that CEPT member administrations recognise the principle of a CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence issued under the conditions specified in ANNEX 1 and ANNEX 2, on which the administrations of the countries visited will not levy administrative charges or spectrum fees;

that administrations, not being members of CEPT, accepting the provisions of this Recommendation, may apply for participation in accordance with the conditions laid down in ANNEX 3 and ANNEX 4”

*Note:*

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1. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF THE "CEPT NOVICE RADIO AMATEUR LICENCE"

**1 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO "CEPT NOVICE RADIO AMATEUR LICENCE"**

The "CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence" is hereinafter also referred to as "CEPT Novice Licence" and has a lower standard than the CEPT Radio Amateur Licence.

The CEPT Novice Licence can be included in the national novice licence or be a special document issued by the same authority, and will be drafted in the national language and in German, English and French; it will be valid for non-residents only, for the duration of their temporary stays in countries having adopted this Recommendation, and within the limit of validity of the national licence. Radio amateurs holding a temporary licence issued in a foreign country may not benefit from the provisions of this Recommendation.

The minimum requirements for a CEPT Novice Licence will be:

1. indication that the document is a "CEPT Novice Amateur Licence";
2. a declaration according to which the holder is authorised to utilise an amateur radio station in accordance with this Recommendation in countries where the latter applies;
3. the name and address of the holder;
4. the call sign;
5. the validity;
6. the issuing authority.

A list may be added or provided indicating the administrations applying the Recommendation.

The CEPT Novice Licence permits utilisation of the frequency bands allocated to the Amateur Service and Amateur Satellite Service and authorised for the corresponding novice licence in the country where the amateur station is to be operated.

**2 CONDITIONS OF UTILISATION**

2.1 On request the licence holder shall present his CEPT Novice Licence to the appropriate authorities in the country visited.

2.2 The licence holder shall observe the provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations, this Recommendation and the regulations in force in the country visited. Furthermore, any restrictions concerning national and local conditions of a technical nature or regarding the public authorities must be respected. Special attention should be paid to the difference in frequency allocations to the radio amateur services in the three ITU Regions.

2.3 When transmitting in the visited country the licence holder must use his national call sign preceded by the call sign prefix of the visited country as indicated in ANNEX 2 and ANNEX 4. The call sign prefix and the national call sign must be separated by the character “/” (telegraphy) or the word “stroke” (telephony).

2.4. The licence holder cannot request protection against harmful interference.

**3 EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE CEPT NOVICE LICENCE AND NATIONAL NOVICE LICENCES**

3.1 The equivalence between the CEPT Novice Licence and national novice licences in CEPT countries is given in ANNEX 2.

3.2 The equivalence between the CEPT Novice Licence and national novice licences in non-CEPT countries is given in ANNEX 4.

1. TABLE OF EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN CEPT NOVICE LICENCE AND NATIONAL NOVICE LICENCES OF CEPT COUNTRIES

Countries wishing to modify their entries should send a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the ECC with a copy to the Office.

1. CEPT countries

| **CEPT countries** | **Call sign prefix(es) to be used in visited countries** | **National novice licences equivalent to CEPT Novice Licence** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **1** | **2** | **3** |
| Austria | OE | CEPT Novizen-Lizenz |
| Belgium | ON | B |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | E7 | CEPT2 |
| Croatia | 9A | P |
| Czech Republic | OK | N |
| Denmark | OZ | B |
| Faroe Islands | OY | B |
| Greenland | OX | B |
| Finland | OH[[1]](#footnote-1) | P |
| Aland Islands | OH01 | P |
| Georgia | 4L | B |
| Germany | DO | E |
| Hungary | HA | CEPT Novice; old RA, UA |
| Iceland | TF | N |
| Latvia | YL | B[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| Liechtenstein | HBØY | 3 |
| Lithuania | LY | B |
| Luxembourg | LX6 | CEPT NOVICE (with call sign LX6) |
| Moldova | ER | C |
| Netherlands | PD | N |
| Poland | HF, SN, SO, SP, SQ, 3Z | 3 |
| Portugal | CS7 | 2 |
| Azores | CS8 | 2 |
| Madeira | CS9 | 2 |
| Romania | YO | III |
| Slovak Republic[[3]](#footnote-3) | OM9 | N (old D) |
| Slovenia | S5 | N |
| Switzerland | HB3 | 3 |

1. PARTICIPATION OF NON-CEPT ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE "CEPT NOVICE LICENCE'' ACCORDING TO THIS RECOMMENDATION
2. **APPLICATION**
3. Administrations, not being members of CEPT, may apply to the CEPT for participation in the CEPT novice radio amateur licencing system regulated by this Recommendation. Applications should be addressed to CEPT Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), through the Office (ECO) (see Note).[[4]](#footnote-4)

A non-CEPT Administration in joining this Recommendation enters into an agreement with all CEPT countries having implemented this Recommendation or will do so in the future. It should be noted that non-CEPT countries wishing to implement this Recommendation between them should do so by separate agreement.

1. An application from a non-CEPT administration shall include a Statement of Conformity (SOC) which confirms that following a comparative assessment of their national amateur radio examination syllabuses and licence classes with the syllabuses for the CEPT Novice Licence as described in ERC Report 32, which particular national licence classes are considered to be equivalent to the CEPT Novice Licence. A list of these licence classes and their privileges (if such privileges are substantially different to the CEPT Novice Licence) shall be included in the SOC, see paragraphs 8 and 11 of Annex 5. All the details mentioned above must be submitted in one of the official languages of the CEPT (English, French or German).
2. The applying Administration shall provide the call sign prefix to be used by visiting radio amateurs and details of any special conditions relating to the implementation of this Recommendation in the country concerned. Special conditions or restrictions should be confined to a minimum, and should not be imposed unless absolutely necessary, and shall be included in a footnote in ANNEX 4.
3. **PROCEDURES OF APPLICATIONS**
4. The CEPT ECC shall notify the applying non-CEPT administration that it has received the application and SOC as well as any additional information of deviations from the process, which have been requested by the applying Administration.
5. When the ECC has agreed to accept the participation of a non-CEPT country it notifies the applying Administration and arranges for the Office to include the relevant details in ANNEX 4.
6. A CEPT Administration requiring a separate bilateral agreement to apply this Recommendation with a non-CEPT Administration shall indicate this in a footnote in ANNEX 4.
7. TABLE OF EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN NATIONAL NOVICE LICENCES OF NON-CEPT COUNTRIES AND CEPT NOVICE LICENCE AND OPERATING PRIVILEGES IN NON-CEPT COUNTRIES VALID FOR HOLDERS OF NOVICE LICENCES ISSUED BY CEPT ADMINISTRATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION
8. NON-CEPT countries

| **NON-CEPT countries** | **Call sign prefix(es) to be used in visited countries** | **National novice licences of non-CEPT countries equivalent to the CEPT Novice Licence** | **The operating privileges issued by non-CEPT administrations to holders of the CEPT Novice Licence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| **USA**  Alabama  Alaska  American Samoa  Arizona  Arkansas  Baker Isl.  California  Colorado  Com. of North. Mariana Isl.  Com. of Puerto Rico  Connecticut  Delaware  Desecheo Island  District of Columbia  Florida  Georgia  Guam  Hawaii  Howland Island  Idaho  Illinois  Indiana  Iowa  Jarvis Isl.  Johnston Isl.  Kansas  Kentucky  Kingman Reef  Kure Island, HI  Louisiana  Maine  Maryland  Massachusetts  Michigan  Midway Isl.  Minnesota  Mississippi  Missouri  Montana  Navassa Isl.  Nebraska  Nevada  New Hampshire  New Jersey  New Mexico  New York  North Carolina  North Dakota  Ohio  Oklahoma  Oregon  Palmyra Isl.  Peale Isl.  Pennsylvania  Rhode Island  South Carolina  South Dakota  Tennessee  Texas  Utah  Vermont  Virgin Isl.  Virginia  Wake Isl.  Washington  West Virginia  Wilkes Isl.  Wisconsin  Wyoming | Depends on State[[5]](#footnote-5)  W4  KL7  KH8  W7  W5  KH1  W6  W0  KH0  KP4  W1  W3  KP5  W3  W4  W4  KH2  KH6  KH1  W7  W9  W9  W0  KH5  KH3  W0  W4  KH5K  KH7  W5  W1  W3  W1  W8  KH4  W0  W5  W0  W7  KP1  W0  W7  W1  W2  W5  W2  W4  W0  W8  W5  W7  KH5  KH9  W3  W1  W4  W0  W4  W5  W7  W1  KP2  W4  KH9  W7  W8  KH9  W9  W7 | General[[6]](#footnote-6) | The operating terms and conditions of the amateur service licence granted by the alien’s government (art.97.107 (b,2) of FCC Rules and Regulations codified in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations), i.e. those of the CEPT Novice Licence |
| Overseas countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and overseas territories of the Netherlands in the ITU Region 2  Aruba  Curacao  Bonaire  St. Eustatius  Saba  St. Maarten | P4  PJ2  PJ4  PJ5  PJ6  PJ7 | N | Band (MHz) / Status/Class of Emission  145,000 - 145,500 / primary /  F2B and G2B  146,000 - 148,000 / primary /  F2E and G3E  220,000 - 225,000 / primary /  F2B, G2B, F3E and G3E  430,000 - 433,000 / secondary /  F2B, G2B, F3E and G3E  438,000 - 444,000 / secondary /  F2B, G2B, F3E and G3E  Maximum output power is 25 Watt |

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1. PARTICIPATION OF NON-CEPT ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE "CEPT RADIO AMATEUR Novice Licence'' – STATEMENT OF CONFORMITY

1. Administration/ Country

2. Name of Authority mandated to licence Amateur Radio Operators or Stations

3. Address of Authority mentioned in 2 above

4. Contact Information of Person(s) Responsible (name, email and telephone)

5. This Statement of Conformity (SOC) is issued under the Sole Responsibility of the Authority named in 2 above

6. This Statement confirms that the Authority named in 2 above has conducted a Comparative Assessment between the requirements of Annex 2 of ERC Report 32 and the requirements for an Amateur Licence in the State mentioned in 1 above

7. This Statement therefore Confirms that Amateur Licensees of the Licence Classes listed in 8 below have been Examined and have Demonstrated their Competence to an Equivalent Standard to that required in Annex 2 of ERC Report 32

8. The National Licences in the Country mentioned in 1 above which are of an Equivalent Standard to Annex 2 of ERC Report 32 are: .............................................................

9. Licensees holding licences of a Class described in 8 above are therefore Qualified (subject to an entry in Annex 4 of this Recommendation) to operate Amateur Radio Stations in accordance with ECC Recommendation (05)06 in CEPT Countries which have applied this Recommendation.

10. The Call-Sign Prefix to be used (with their home call-sign) by visiting Amateur Radio Licensees from CEPT countries which have applied this Recommendation shall be: ...........................

11. Additional Information concerning Operating Privileges, if applicable: ................................

Signed for and on behalf of: ................................................................................................ (the Authority)

Place and Date of Signing: ..............................................................................................................................

Name, Function, Signature: .............................................................................................................................

1. Finland has no national licence class equivalent to the CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence, but accepts unilaterally visiting operators to use their CEPT Novice class licence under following conditions:

   - Visiting operators must have their national CEPT Novice Radio Amateur Licence with them during operation in Finland.

   - Visiting operators are required to follow their own national frequency and power guidelines during operation in Finland

   Used frequencies and output powers may however under no circumstances exceed the Finnish elementary novice class guidelines as stated in Regulation FICORA 6. See <https://www.viestintavirasto.fi/en/steeringandsupervision/actsregulationsdecisions/regulations.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Foreign CEPT licence holders can operate in Latvia for up to three months. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The CEPT Novice licence permits utilisation of 100 W output power only on certain bands. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Note:

   Address: ECO European Communications Office, Nyropsgade 37,4, DK-1602 Copenhagen, Denmark [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Example: ‘W4/IB4DX‘ where ‘IB4DX’ is the call sign. At least once during each intercommunication ("QSO"), the identification announcement must also include the general geographical location as nearly as possible by city and state, commonwealth or possession (example: "W3/IB4DX Kent Island, Maryland "). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For all states listed in column 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)