

CAP 1606: 8.33 kHz voice channel spacing in the UK: Limited time exemptions

Most allocations in the UK are expected to have converted to 8.33 kHz VCS by the end of 2018, including these exemptions.

Users are advised to check each time they fly and to ensure they use current information.

The introduction of these exemptions is not designed to delay the implementation of 8.33 kHz VCS. The CAA will continue to monitor aircraft and ground station equipment to ensure a proportional and safe introduction in the UK.

Exempted Common Channels in the UK (time limited to 31 December 2018)

Assignment(MHz)	Primary Use	Secondary Use	Further information
118.675	Hang glider	Para glider	UK Mobile within UK FIR
122.475	Ballooning		UK Mobile within UK FIR
122.950	Depcom		Refer to UK AIP GEN 3.4
129.825	Micro light		Site Specific for busy airfields
129.900	Gliding	Parachute(AC) Hang Glider	- UK Mobile within UK FIR - Refer to BGA Guidance or BPA Radio Station Operators Guide
129.975	Gliding (CGFF)		- Site Specific for busy airfields - Refer to BGA Guidance
130.100	Gliding		- UK Mobile within UK FIR - Refer to BGA Guidance
130.125	Gliding		UK Mobile within UK FIR

Assignment(MHz)	Primary Use	Secondary Use	Further information
			Refer to BGA Guidance
130.400	Gliding		- UK Mobile within UK FIR - Refer to BGA Guidance
130.525	Parachute(DZ)		- UK Mobile within UK FIR - Refer to BPA Radio Station Operators Guide
135.475	Safetycom		Refer to UK AIP GEN 3.4, CAP 413 or AIC Yellow 014/2010

Aeronautical radio station radio operators, WT Act Licensees and aircraft stations flight crew are responsible for ensuring they use correct radio telephony procedures and discipline so that these assignments are shared in a reasonable manner between all users.

Please note that these exemptions do not alleviate in any way the requirement for everyone using Aeronautical equipment either on-board an aircraft or in a ground station from having an Aircraft or Transportable Radio Licence, or an Aeronautical Ground Station Licence respectively.

Further information is available from the [Ofcom website](#), [CAA radio licensing pages](#) or through the representing organisation.

Assignments remaining on 25 kHz spacing

Please note the following assignments will remain on 25 kHz VCS permanently in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation No 1079/2012:

Assignment(MHz)	Use	Notes
121.500	Emergency Frequency	See IR1079/2012 Article 2, 4(a)(i)
123.100	SAR Auxiliary Frequency	See IR1079/2012 Article 2, 4(a)(ii)
122.100	NATO Combined Frequency	See IR 1079/2012 Preamble (15)

www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-radios