

ZL6 Special Event Call Sign Allocation Process

NZART Policy on Allocation of Special Event Call Sign ZL6

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidance on the allocation, use, and management of the special event call sign ZL6. This policy is intended to promote amateur radio through events of national or international significance, and to ensure its use is consistent, fair, and in keeping with NZART's objectives.

Step-by-Step Process

1 . Application Submission

- Applicant (trustee or club) prepares a written application.
- Application is sent to the NZART Business Manager.

2. Initial Review

- Business Manager checks application for completeness.
- Ensures eligibility (NZART member/affiliated club, event of significance, not exceeding limits).

3. Approval:

- Business Manager forwards application Council.
- Council reviews and either **approves, declines, or requests** further information.

4. Allocation Confirmation

- If approved, allocation is recorded on the branch listing in the database.
- Applicant is notified in writing of approval and any conditions.

5. Operation Phase

- Applicant operates the ZL6 call sign for the approved duration.
- Must comply with all licence conditions and NZART policies.

6. Event Completion

- At conclusion of the event, applicant provides a brief activity report (e.g., summary of QSOs, public engagement, QSL details).

7. Record Keeping

- NZART maintains register with event details, approval date, and usage history when supplied by operator.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- **Special Event Call Sign (ZL6)** — A nationally designated call sign reserved for amateur radio operations connected with events of significance, authorised by NZART Council.
- **Temporary Call Sign** — A short-term allocation of the ZL6 call sign for a specific event or activity, not exceeding twelve (12) months.
- **Trustee** — The NZART member, club officer, or other responsible person who has accepted responsibility for the proper operation of a station using the ZL6 call sign.
 - **Club** — An NZART-affiliated branch or recognised amateur radio organisation applying for use of the ZL6 call sign.

Policy Statement

1. *Approval Authority*

- The allocation of the ZL6 call sign must be approved by NZART Council prior to issuing.

2. *Duration of Allocation*

- The ZL6 call sign may only be allocated for a maximum period of twelve (12) months.
- Extensions beyond the initial allocation period require a new application and appropriate Council approval.

3. *Eligibility*

- Applicant must be a current NZART member or an affiliated club / branch.
- Application must demonstrate that the event is of special significance (e.g., anniversary, commemoration, national/international activity, or other major public engagement).
- A trustee or club responsible for a ZL6 allocation may apply for no more than two (2) temporary special event call signs within any twelve (12) month period.

4. *Application Requirements*

- Application must be submitted in writing to the NZART Business Manager for forwarding to Council.
- Application must include:
 - The nature and purpose of the event.
 - The proposed period of use.
 - Contact details of the responsible operator(s).

5. *Operating Conditions*

- All operations under the ZL6 call sign must comply with New Zealand amateur radio licence conditions and relevant regulations.
- The allocated operator(s) are to take responsibility for ensuring appropriate logging, QSL management, and reporting of activity as they deem fit.

6. *Record Keeping*

- A register of all allocations of the ZL6 call sign shall be maintained by NZART.

- The register shall include the applicant's name, purpose of use, duration of allocation, and Council approval date.

7. Termination of Allocation

- NZART Council reserves the right to withdraw an allocation of the ZL6 call sign if the terms of this policy are breached, or if the use is deemed inconsistent with NZART's objectives.
-