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|  | ***Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society***  ***Just Passed…?*** |

***Thank you for attending the CARS Foundation Course. Here is some handy information to help you on your journey into amateur radio…***

***How to get your Callsign:***

You should be able to get your callsign and licence approximately six working days after passing your exam.

You need to register on the Ofcom website and use your five-digit Candidate Number to get your callsign. On the Ofcom website, registration, logon-access and a user guide is at:

[**www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/online-licensing-service/**](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/online-licensing-service/)

Tip: Make sure you use a ‘stable’ email address for your login-id

Other Ofcom info for amateurs including notices, licence conditions, guidance and FAQs is at

[**www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/amateur-radio-info**](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/amateur-radio-info)

***Joining CARS:***

The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society holds regular meetings in Chelmsford (the first Tuesday of the month), is active at several field days throughout the year, and offers a monthly newsletter to members. If you would like to find out more, go to [**www.g0mwt.org.uk**](http://www.g0mwt.org.uk)

***Developing your skills:***

CARS runs a series of club meetings, nets and operating events. Our Danbury location also has club tools, radios and antennas if you want to get practical – the perfect place to ask questions, meet others and try out something new – and we are a member of the RSGB Brickworks scheme too

***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 free help and advice. Go here for the latest amateur radio band plans, news, EMF/EMC advice and details of local clubs.
* [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) – The online directory of amateur radio callsigns.
* [www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk](http://www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk) ‐ The Essex Repeater Group’s website.
* [www.ukrepeater.net](http://www.ukrepeater.net) ‐ A list of all the active repeaters and gateways in the UK.
* [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) ‐ Has help, software, status and lists of all active EchoLink usage.