PERMANENT CONTEST CALLSIGNS
RULES & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1) Rules

1. The applicant must hold a valid 5B license.
2. The applicant must demonstrate sufficient contest history.
3. The special callsign will be chosen from the C4, P3, H2 callsign series.
4. The special callsign is to be used during amateur contests only.
5. Operation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licensee’s primary license.
6. The special callsign will be withdrawn when the primary license is no longer valid.
7. The license authorizes the licensee to operate only from Cyprus.
8. The owner can hold only one personal permanent contest callsign at any time.
9. Licensed 5B Amateur Radio Clubs may also hold a permanent contest callsign.
10. The minimum usage period of a contest callsign is 4 years. After this period the owner can apply for the callsign to be changed.
11. The relinquished callsign will be quarantined and not reissued for another 4 years but will be thereafter available for anyone who wishes to apply for it.

2) Application procedure

1. The applicant checks with the CARS Secretary if the requested callsign is available.
2. If the requested callsign is available, the applicant sends his application to the Licensing Authority. At the same time the applicant submits a contest history to the CARS Secretary.
3. The Secretary sends the contest history to the CARS Central Committee for approval.
4. The CARS Central Committee members reply to the CARS Secretary stating their position on the matter.
5. The Secretary waits to receive from the Licensing Authority a request to submit CARS’s position on the applicant’s application.
6. The Secretary informs the applicant as well as the Licensing Authority of the Central Committee’s position.
7. The Licensing Authority writes to the applicant informing him of the Department’s position on the matter. If the contest callsign has been approved, the Licensing Authority asks the applicant to pay a modification fee for their normal license.
8. When the fee is paid, the Licensing Authority sends the applicant a revised license that shows the contest callsign.
9. The applicant is now able to use contest callsign in the next contests.

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