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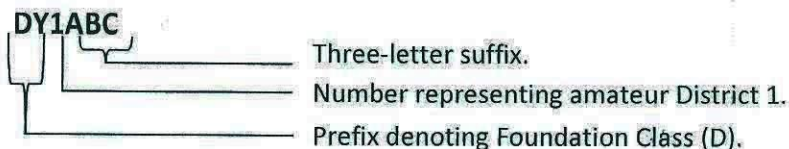
Subject : Guidelines in the Assignment of Call Sign in the Amateur Radio Service.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Radio Control Law and Memorandum Circular 03-08-2012, also known as the Revised Amateur Regulations, the following guidelines is hereby issued in the issuance of Call Signs in the Amateur Radio Service.

1. All transmissions in the amateur radio service shall carry identification signals. The Call Sign must be transmitted at the start and at the end of each transmission and as frequently as practicable during the course of transmission, including those made for tests, adjustments and experiments.
2. The prefixes 4F, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY and DZ are sub-allocated to amateur radio service as follows:

DU or 4F	-	Extra Class (A)
DV	-	General Class (B)
DW	-	Technician Class (C)
DY	-	Foundation Class (D)
DX or DZ	-	Club Station, Dxpedition and special events.

3. Formation of call sign – Call sign is composed of three parts: 1- prefix, 2- amateur radio district number, 3 - suffix.



- 3.1 The suffix shall be a minimum of two (2) characters and a maximum of three (3) characters. The number zero (0) shall be assigned only for special events, DXpeditions and contests.
- 3.2 The assignment of call sign for RAOC or ARSL shall be in serialized basis. Request for call sign other than the current serialized format shall be considered as special call sign and shall be subject to the requirements provided for in item 3.3.

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3.3 All requests for special call sign shall be endorsed by the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA).

3.4 The suffix of an amateur call sign shall be reserved for upgrading to a higher license class.

For example: DY5AAA will receive a call sign DW5AAA when he/she upgrades to Technician Class.

DV6BBB will receive a call sign DU6BBB when he/she upgrades to Extra Class or he may request for the prefix 4F and be assigned the call sign 4F6BBB.

3.5 The following shall not be assigned as call sign:

- a. Combinations which are obscene sounding. (DX1SEX)
- b. Combinations which might be confused with distress signals or with other signals of a similar nature. (DX1SOS) (DX1PAN)
- c. Combinations reserved for the abbreviations to be used in the radiocommunication services (Q Codes).

3.6 All applicants for RAOC or ARSL shall be issued a call sign according to the class of certificate or license applied.

4. Generation of call signs – The NTC shall maintain a master list of assigned call signs. In line with the decentralized certification/licensing in the amateur radio service, the suffix AA to ZZZ are allocated in every district as follows:

District No. 1 NCR Region IV	District No. 2 Region I Region II CAR	District No. 3 Region III
District No. 4 Region V	District No. 5 Region VIII	District No. 6 Region VI
District No. 7 Region VII	District No. 8 Region IX Region XII	District No. 9 Region X Region XI Region XIII ARMM

5. Special Call Sign – The NTC may issue a special call sign to amateurs and special events, DXpeditions and contests.

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- 5.1 The special call sign shall be issued to individual amateurs, club stations and special events which shall be subject to its availability.
- 5.2 Call signs for special events shall be issued on a temporary basis and shall be valid only for the duration of the event.
6. All NTC Regional Offices are hereby directed to conduct a recall of call signs that have been issued but not renewed for a period of more than five (5) years. The recalled call signs shall be made automatically available for reassignment pursuant to Item 8.3, Section II of Memorandum Circular 03-08-2012. Call signs that are available may be issued only to the previous holder if such has not been issued to another qualified applicant.
7. All NTC Regional Offices shall submit a list of assigned call signs (preferably in electronic form) to the Radio Regulations and Licensing Department (RRLD) every first week of the month.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless sooner amended or revoked and shall supersede any order or circular inconsistent herewith.

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