

M3-3 Land Mobile Radio Allocation (OM Z)

Purpose

This document provides for:

- the allocation of land mobile radios (LMRs) on the shared FM radio network.

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Requirements for NZFS LMR allocation

All NZFS LMRs will:

- be allocated only for operational purposes
- be located within the coverage of the shared radio network
- be operated only by users that meet all security vetting criteria
- fitted with a locking device to disable it and prevent unauthorised use, if a vehicle may be used by a third party (for example, council pool vehicles, or vehicles to which the user's family have access)
- comply with Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) requirements, if the radio is being installed in a vehicle (as will the vehicle).

There are two types of allocation, discussed in more detail below:

- automatic allocation
- allocation by application.

Automatic allocation

The following vehicles qualify for automatic allocation of NZFS LMRs:

- NZFS Fire Region Managers and Assistant Fire Region Managers
- NRFA Rural Fire Managers
- NZFS operational appliances (for example, pumps, PRTs, specialist vehicles)
- NRFA approved fire response vehicles
- RFA operational appliances
- appliances belonging to registered industrial fire brigades
- Defence fire appliances.

Allocation by application

The following may qualify for the allocation of an NZFS LMR on application:

- NZFS CFOs' and Deputy CFOs' vehicles
- Rural Fire Authority Principal Rural Fire Officers (PRFOs)
- NZFS support vehicles that have an operational role (i.e. dual role vehicles)
- other vehicles not automatically qualifying for LMR (including appliances belonging to unregistered industrial fire brigades).

Application criteria

Application approval criteria for CFOs, Deputy CFOs, and PRFOs

Applications for NZFS CFOs and DCFOs, or Principal Rural Fire Officers will be considered against the following criteria:

- operational need
- vehicle use:
 - command and control (vehicle must be fitted with appropriate resources (maps, boards, etc.) to comply)
 - management/monitoring/response

NZFS CFOs' and DCFOs' applications will also consider:

- the activity level of the district
- the resources of the district – appliances, personnel, stations.

Application approval criteria for NZFS dual role (support and operational) vehicles

Applications for the allocation of an LMR for NZFS support vehicles that have an operational role (i.e. dual role) will be considered against the following criteria:

- there is an operational need
- the vehicle provides command or resource functions at the incident ground.

Note: Dual role must have an operational role included (for example, fire police/ operational support and fire safety vehicles).

It does not include support vehicles with only non-operational roles (for example promotional vehicles, H&S Officer vehicles, fire engineers' vehicles, workshop vehicles, training vehicles, planning officer vehicles, administration pool vehicles).

Application approval criteria for other vehicles not automatically qualifying for LMR

Applications for the allocation of LMR for other non-NZFS vehicles will be considered against the following criteria:

- operational need
- user/s agreement to comply with:
 - NZFS operational instructions
 - privacy issues
- the vehicle provides support for the NZFS or the NZFS provides support for the vehicle
- the vehicle may be turned out by the NZFS ComCen.

Application process

Application for the allocation of an LMR will be made by the appropriate Chief Fire Officer to the Fire Region Manager of the region in which the vehicle is based.

In the case of volunteer rural fire forces, applications will be directed to the Rural Fire Manager.

The Fire Region Manager/Rural Fire Manager will decide whether or not to approve the application, based on the criteria described in the section *Application Criteria*.

The applicant will be notified of the success or failure of an application.

When an application is declined, further applications for the same allocation will not be considered unless the applicant can demonstrate a significant change in the operational requirement.

The final decision to approve or decline an application installation lies with the Fire Regional Manager/Rural Fire Manager.

After application approved

Gaining approval for the allocation of an NZFS LMR does not constitute financial approval for the supply and installation of a radio. The supply and installation of a radio to the vehicle is subject to finance being available from the appropriate organisation.