
The New 60 Meter Allocation will Become Available on February 13th

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The new 60-meter band will become available on Feb. 13. At that time, all amateur operations using 2.8 kHz or less bandwidth are authorized general class and higher licensees on a secondary basis between 5351.5 – 5366.5 kHz. Simultaneously, the old channel centered on 5358.5 kHz ceases and power anywhere within this range must be limited to 9.15 watts ERP.

Earlier detailed ARRL article: <https://tinyurl.com/mt8p8jpa>

Summary of the rules as amended effective Feb. 13:

On the frequencies 5.332, 5.348, 5.373, and 5.405 MHz, radiated power is limited to no more than 100 W ERP.

In the new 5.3515-5.3665 MHz band, radiated power is limited to no more than 9.15 W ERP. For the purpose of computing ERP, the transmitter PEP is multiplied by the antenna gain relative to a half-wave dipole antenna. A half-wave dipole antenna is presumed to have a gain of 1 (0 dBd). Amateurs using other antennas must maintain in their station records either the antenna manufacturer's data on the antenna gain or calculations of the antenna gain.

For all 60 m transmissions, emission bandwidth is limited to 2.8 kHz or less and Amateurs must not cause harmful interference to, and must accept interference from, stations authorized by: the United States (NTIA and FCC) and other nations in the fixed service; and all other nations in the mobile except aeronautical mobile service. Data or RTTY emissions in particular must be limited in transmission length so as not to cause harmful interference.

As before, operators using RTTY and digital modes must be familiar with offsets in order to stay within the authorized frequencies. There are many explanations of these requirements in the amateur literature.

The www.arrl.org website will soon be updated with the new 60-meter band information.

NOTE: Remember that we are secondary users of this band. When we were originally given channels in this band, we were limited to 50 watts PEP. Afterwards, our power level was increased to 100 watts PEP because we were "good neighbors". We hope that this will happen once again.

Enjoy our new privileges!

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