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Call sign plan for the amateur service in Germany

In accordance with section 10(3) of the Amateur Radio Ordinance (AFuV), the Bundesnetzagentur is hereby publishing the call sign plan for the amateur service in Germany that is applicable from 1 April 2025. Administrative Order No 61/2024 (Official Gazette 11/2024 of 12 June 2024, page 708 et seq) is being revoked and replaced with this Administrative Order.

Call signs are assigned in accordance with the Amateur Radio Act (AFuG) and the Amateur Radio Ordinance in line with this call sign plan.

German amateur call signs comprise a two-letter prefix (DA to DR, excluding DE and DI), one digit (0 to 9) and a suffix usually consisting of two or three letters. Club stations can be assigned call signs with one-letter or four- to seven-character suffixes as set out in points 2 and 3. Short-term call sign assignments for holders of foreign amateur radio authorisations are subject to the provisions in point 5.

1. Call signs with two- or three-letter suffixes

Calls signs with two- or three-letter suffixes are assigned in line with the following table. Unless otherwise stated, the following applies to the call sign series with the suffixes AA to ZZZ.

Call sign series	Purpose	Class
DAØ	KS	A
DA1	PZ	A
DA2	PZ	A
DA4	SZ	E
DA5	SZ	A
DA6	PZ	E
DA7	KS	E
DA8	KS	N
DBØ	RL/FB *(KS expiring)*	A
DB1-DB9	PZ	A
DCØ-DC9	PZ *(KS expiring)*	A
DDØ-DD9	PZ *(KS expiring)*	A
DFØ	KS *(RL/FB expiring)*	A
DF1-DF9	PZ	A
DGØ-DG9	PZ *(KS expiring)*	A
DHØ-DH9	PZ *(KS expiring)*	A
DJØ-DJ9	PZ	A
DKØ	KS *(RL/FB expiring)*	A
DK1-DK9	PZ	A
DLØ	KS *(RL/FB expiring)*	A
DL1-DL9	PZ	A
DMØ	RL/FB	A
DM1-DM9	PZ	A
DNØ	KS *(expiring)*	E
DN1-DN6	AB *(expiring)*	A
DN7-DN8	AB *(expiring)*	E
DN9	PZ	N
DOØ	RL/FB *(KS expiring)*	E
DO1-DO9	PZ	E
DPØ-DP1	KS, RL/FB, SZ *(with extraterritorial location)*	A
DP2	KS, RL/FB, SZ *(with extraterritorial location)*	E
DP8	KS, RL/FB, SZ *(with/without extraterritorial location)*	N
DR1	KSB	A
DR2	KSB	E
DR3	KSB	N
DR4	KSO	A
DR5	KSO	E
DR6	KSO	N

Abbreviations:

PZ personal call sign assignments
KS call sign assignments for club stations
RL call sign assignments for relay stations
FB call sign assignments for radio beacons
SZ call sign assignments for special experimental studies
AB training call signs
KSB club station call signs for members of entitled public protection and disaster relief (PPDR) authorities and organisations as recognised under the PPDR Digital Radio Directive or the PPDR Radio Applications Directive
KSO club station call signs for emergency communications groups of private-law organisations

2. Call signs with one-letter suffixes for club stations

Unless otherwise stated, the following applies to the call sign series with the suffixes A to Z.

Call sign series	Purpose	Class
DAØ	KS	A
DA1	KS	A
DA2-DA3	KS	A
A4	SZ *(as club stations)*	E
DA5	SZ *(as club stations)*	A
DA6	KS	E
DA7	KS	E
DA8	KS	N
DA9	KS	E
DBØ-DD9	KS	A
DFØ-DH9	KS	A
DJØ-DM9	KS	A
DNØ	KS *(expiring)*	E
DOØ-DO9	KS	E
DPØ-DP1	KS *(with extraterritorial location)*	A
DP2	KS *(with extraterritorial location)*	E
DP3-DP7	KS	A
DP8	KS *(with/without extraterritorial location)*	N
DP9	KS	A
DQØ-DR9	KS	A

Abbreviations as in point 1

3. Call signs with four- to seven-character suffixes for club stations

Club station calls signs with a four- to seven-character suffix instead of a one-letter suffix can be assigned for a limited period of time for certain special events. The last character in the suffix must always be a letter.

The special event must be one of the following:

a) events related to amateur radio, amateur radio club/association anniversary events, amateur radio trade fairs;

b) planned radio amateur meetings where at least one amateur station is set up in the open (“field days”);

c) contests with at least three radio amateurs;

d) public events related to current or past sports, cultural, artistic, technical or literary happenings or to persons of interregional, national or international importance at which an amateur station is set up;

e) campaigns to attract new radio amateurs where radio operations are carried out to a reasonable extent.

No call signs are assigned for events that could potentially be contrary to accepted principles of morality or cause lasting disruption and damage to the peaceful coexistence of society, peoples and confessions. No suffixes are assigned that have a potential political association in a narrower sense or that primarily serve commercial interests.

The period for which a special call sign is assigned depends on the length of time for which the call sign is needed, but is no longer than one year (see point 8). Applications must include details of the special events or activities as listed in a) to e) and the period of time for which a call sign is needed.

4. Club station call signs for members of PPDR authorities and organisations and emergency communications groups

The call sign series DR1AA to DR3ZZZ are solely for members of entitled PPDR authorities and organisations as recognised under the PPDR Digital Radio Directive or the PPDR Radio Applications Directive. Appropriate proof must be submitted when an application is made.

The call sign series DR4AA to DR6ZZZ are intended solely for club stations of emergency communications groups of private-law organisations. Appropriate proof of membership of an emergency communications group must be submitted when an application is made.

Call signs in the DR series may only be used for radiocommunications between radio amateurs in emergencies and disasters and for practice with the aim of responding more quickly and effectively to emergencies and disasters. Club station call signs in the DR series may not be used for radio operating training or contests.

Practice radiocommunications are only permitted if due account is taken of public safety and order. They must therefore be in line with the principles of restraint and proportionality. During practice sessions, the club station call sign in the DR series that is used must be suffixed with “/Ueb” (short for the German word for practice) or (for radiotelephony) “practice”. The club stations must comply fully with all the provisions of amateur radio law. Whether the use of the amateur service in emergencies and disasters is compatible with the specific characteristics of the particular service is not covered by the assignment of these club station call signs. This must be decided by the applicant, taking into account the regulations applicable to the particular service.

5. Short-term assignments for foreign radio amateurs

Calls signs for short-term assignments for foreign radio amateurs not resident in Germany comprise the foreign call sign preceded by “DL/” for class A and “DO/” for class E.

Holders of foreign amateur radio authorisations not resident in Germany and not covered by CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 or ECC Recommendation (05)06 require a short-term assignment valid for up to three months in order to participate in the amateur service in Germany.

6. Identifications for the operation of low-power transmitters

The following identifications can be used for low-power amateur radio transmitters for direction-finding as provided for by section 11(2) AFuV: MO, MOE, MOI, MOS, MOH and MO5.

7. Impermissible call signs

No call signs are assigned that could conflict with section 2 para 1 or para 2 AFuG or that could be misleading. These include call signs comprising the internationally agreed emergency, urgency and safety signals (SOS, XXX, TTT, YYY, DDD, JJJ, MAYDAY, PAN) and Q codes (QOA to QUZ).

In addition, no calls signs are assigned that comprise suffixes associated with unconstitutional organisations or that are contrary to accepted principles of morality.

8. Limited period of validity of call sign assignments

Call signs may be assigned for a limited period of time as provided for by section 10(2) sentence 2 AFuV. Irrespective of this, the following call signs are only assigned for a limited period of time:

Call sign assignment	**Period of validity**
RL, FB and SZ	Up to five years
KS with a one-letter suffix	Up to five years
KSB	Up to five years
KS with a four- to seven-character suffix	Up to one year (cannot be extended)
Call sign assignments for foreign armed forces	Up to five years
PZ for short-term assignments for foreign radio amateurs not resident in Germany	Three months
Call sign assignments for non-German nationals (except for EU and EEA citizens) resident in Germany	Up to the end of the period of validity of the residence permit; if a residence permit is unlimited, the period of validity of the assignment is the same as for German nationals

Abbreviations as in point 1

9. Common international suffixes

Common international suffixes within the meaning of section 11(3) AFuV that can be used to supplement a call sign are:

a) "/m" or (for radiotelephony) "mobile" when operating a mobile amateur station in a land vehicle or on board a vessel on inland waterways;
b) "/mm" or (for radiotelephony) "maritime mobile" when operating an amateur station on board a vessel at sea;
c) "/am" or (for radiotelephony) "aeronautical mobile" when operating an amateur station on board an aircraft;
d) "/p" or (for radiotelephony) "portable" when operating a portable or temporarily fixed amateur station;
e) suffixes necessary for operational reasons that are separated from the call sign with "-" or "/".

Attention is drawn to points 10 and 11 for the suffixes for radio operating training and unattended operation.

10. Radio operating training

Radio operating training uses a personal call sign or a call sign for the operation of an amateur station as a club station in accordance with section 12(3) AFuV.

If a call sign is used for radio operating training, the call sign must be suffixed with "/T" or (for radiotelephony) "trainee".

Training call signs in the call sign series DN1AA to DN8ZZZ will not be assigned as from 24 June 2025. Assigned training call signs in these series will remain valid until 31 December 2028.

Example: A radio amateur uses a portable radio station for radio operating training. In this case, the call sign must be suffixed with "/T" before "/p", therefore with "/Tp".

11. Unattended operation

Unattended operation uses a personal call sign or a call sign for the operation of an amateur station as a club station in accordance with section 13a AFuV.

If a call sign is used for unattended operation, the call sign can be suffixed with “/r” or (for radiotelephony) “remote”.

If the suffix “/r” is used, it must be added after the suffix “/T” required in point 10.

Example: A radio amateur uses an unattended radio station for radio operating training. In this case, the call sign must be supplemented with the mandatory suffix “/T” before the voluntary suffix “/r”, therefore with “/Tr”.