

Call Signs

Aircraft Call Signs

Civil Aviation Rule 91.249(a)(3) requires the pilot in command of a New Zealand registered aircraft, when communicating by radiotelephony, to use the name of the aircraft manufacturer, or the aircraft model, and the last 3 letters of the aircraft registration marking.

Operators of the following aircraft have been issued an Exemption from this requirement and may use, as a call sign, the name of the aircraft manufacturer or the aircraft model, and part of the aircraft markings approved under Civil Aviation Rule 47.104 *Approval of identifiable paint scheme and markings*.

To apply for an exemption, you must lodge a petition using [form 24011/02](#).

Approved Call sign	Aircraft registration	Aircraft manufacturer and model	Operator
Spitfire 67	WDQ	Spitfire Mk IX	Lasbrook Holdings Limited
Dakota 46	DAK	Douglas DC3	Flight 2000 Limited
YAK 718	YAC	Yakovlev Yak-52	Yak 52 Limited
Spitfire AL	SPI	Spitfire Mk IX	ITL Aviation Ltd
Harvard 37	ENA	Harvard 2A	ITL Aviation Ltd
Airtourer 61	LDG	AESL Airtourer T6	M D Shaw
Soviet Four Five	VAU	Aero L-29	Soviet Star Limited
Soviet Six Four	SSU	Aero L-29	Soviet Star Limited
Bulldog 57	WUF	Bulldog T Mk I	Mr M K Wills

Operator Call Signs

If required to communicate by radiotelephony under the Civil Aviation Rules, a pilot-in-command of a New Zealand registered aircraft may use the telephony designator of the aircraft operating agency as approved by the Director, followed by the flight identification.

The Director may only approve call signs for the use of the holder of an air operator certificate issued under Part 119 conducting a regular air transport service, a search and rescue flight, or a medical transfer or medical emergency flight

The following operators have been assigned approved call signs. Where the **Use** has been identified as International, these have been registered with ICAO and been published in ICAO Doc 8585 Designators for aircraft operating agencies, aeronautical authorities and services. Where the **Use** has been identified as Domestic, these have not been registered with ICAO and may only be used within the New Zealand FIR

To apply for an approved call sign, you must lodge an application using [form 24091/05](#)

3 Letter	Call sign	Operator	Use
AFN	Air Freight	Air Freight NZ Ltd	Domestic
AHB	Hawke	Air Hawkes Bay	Domestic
AMD	Airmed	Garden City Helicopters (Air Ambulance)	Domestic
ANZ	New Zealand	Air New Zealand Ltd	International
ATT	Airtothere	Air2there.com (2008 Limited)	Domestic
AWC	Air West	Air West Coast Limited	Domestic
AWK	Airwork	Airwork New Zealand Ltd	International
BOI	Bay	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Domestic
CAC	Canterbury	Canterbury Aero Club	Domestic
CAP	Capital	Airwork New Zealand Ltd (Air Ambulance)	Domestic
CAT	Cat	CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd	Domestic
CFL	Care Flight	Helicopter Services BOP Ltd (Air Ambulance)	Domestic
CGD	Coast Guard	Coastguard Northern Region	Domestic
CGE	College	Nelson Aviation College	International
CGS	Coastguard South	Southern Wings Ltd	Domestic
CHN	Christian	Christian Aviation	Domestic
CIV	Civair	Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand	International
CVA	Chatham	Air Transport (Chatham Islands) Ltd	International
DIS	Discovery	Air Discovery Ltd	Domestic
EAG	Eagle	Eagle Airways Ltd	Domestic
FCP	Flightcorp	Flight Corporation	International
FMD	Flight Med	Air Manawatu Ltd	Domestic
GBA	Great Barrier	Great Barrier Airlines	Domestic
GBY	Golden Bay	Golden Bay Air Ltd	Domestic
HLM	Helimed	Northland Emergency Services Trust	Domestic
HPR	Helipro	Rick Lucas Helicopters	International
HTN	News	Heli Tranz Ltd	Domestic
HTZ	Helitrans	Heli Tranz Ltd	Domestic
ILD	Island	Commercial Helicopters Ltd	Domestic
JPS	Jetplus	Air National Corporate Ltd	International
KIW	Kiwi	Royal New Zealand Airforce	International
KRC	Kiwi Rescue	New Zealand Defence Force	International
LFT	Life Flight	Life Flight Trust (Airwork NZ Ltd)	Domestic
MAP	Mapping	NZ Aerial Mapping	Domestic
MDK	Medicare	Air Wanganui Commuter Ltd	Domestic
MSY	Massey	Massey University School of Aviation	International
NAR	North Air Rescue	Airwork NZ Ltd	Domestic
NLD	Air Patrol	Northland Coastguard Air Patrol	Domestic
NPR	Air Napier	Air Napier	International
NTA	Northern	Auckland Aero Club (NZ Air Charter)	Domestic

NTL	National	Air National Corporate Ltd	Domestic
NZM	Mountcook	Mount Cook Airlines	International
PBN	Bluebird	Virgin Australia Airlines (NZ) Ltd	International
PGS	Pegasus	Tauranga Aero Club	International
PHL	Phillips	Search & Rescue Services Ltd	Domestic
PLB	Polyblue	Polynesion Blue	International
PLC	Police	New Zealand Police	Domestic
PST	Post	Airwork New Zealand Ltd	Domestic
QNZ	Qantas Jet Connect	Jet connect Limited	International
RKU	Rakiura	Southeast Air Ltd	Domestic
RLK	Link	Air Nelson Ltd	International
SAV	Sunair	Sunair Aviation Ltd	International
SDA	Soundsair	Soundsair Ltd	Domestic
SKL	Sky	Skyline Aviation Ltd	Domestic
SKY	Skycam	Galtech Models Ltd	Domestic
SRI	Airsafari	Air Safaris and Services (NZ) Ltd	International
SSA	South East	South East Air Ltd	Domestic
SUY	Survey	Aerial Survey (1980) Ltd	International
VAL	Vincent	Vincent Aviation Ltd	Domestic
VOL	Volcanic	Volcanic Air Safaris	Domestic
WAR	Warbirds	NZ Warbirds Association	International
WPR	Westpac Rescue	Auckland Regional Rescue Helicopter Trust	International
XFX	Aircorp	Airways Corporation of New Zealand	International