

ScoutsACT Radio and Technology

Amateur Radio Certification

Amateur Radio has long been a part of Scouting with the most recognisable feature being the Worldwide JOTA/JOTI weekend held annually on the 3rd weekend in October (watch for the 2026 Details). While JOTA gives youth members a window into the world of Amateur Radio, taking the next step and becoming qualified, a requirement to operate on the Amateur Radio HF, UHF and VHF bands can lead to a whole new world of experiences. A career in electronics has, for many people, has started with this qualification.



Here's what you need to know!

The Foundation qualification, the first step in getting on the Air, is issued by ACMA (the **Australian Communication and Media Authority**). It is one of three levels

- Foundation
- Standard and
- Advanced

ScoutsACT will be conducting a Foundation Course for Amateur Radio Certification on the 13th and 14th of June. This course is open to all Youth members and Adults in Scouting, and while there is no age limit for the course it is more suited to older scouts and above. The Course runs over 2 days. On the Saturday, all the theory material and practical examples are covered. On Sunday morning there is a revision session followed by a 25 Question multichoice test with a pass mark of 70% and a practical assessment.

For Youth Members, this is an ideal entry path into a STEM SIA, however from the initial entry into the world of Amateur Radio, there are a myriad of challenges that will open in this field.

To register for the Course use the [Training and Development form](#) (For Leaders and Youth members)

- the course name is *Amateur Radio Licence - Foundation*
- the course number is 552.

Course Costs

The Course costs \$50. This covers all material including a QuanShang UHF/VHF handheld radio for the 2M/70cm Bands (to get you on the air) which is presented at Tech Sunday (last Sunday of the month 3-5pm at the Mt Mugga Scout Hall) once your qualification callsign has been allocated by ACMA.

After the Course successful applicants will be contacted by ACMA asking you to apply for the Callsign and Certificate.



ACMA Fees

ACMA Recognition Certificate.....	\$48
Callsign (next available)	\$32
(preferential)	\$44

Total Cost - depending on Callsign \$130 or \$142

Course Details

Dates : 13 – 14 June 2026

Time : Saturday 08:00 – 17:30

 Sunday 09:00 – 14:00

Location: [Mt Mugga Scout Hall](#)

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