

# CAP 1606: 8.33 kHz voice channel spacing in the UK: Common sporting and recreational assignments including Safetycom

During 2018 most UK VHF assignments were converted to 8.33 kHz voice channel spacing. From the 3rd January 2019 the CAA will be converting all common sporting assignments in the UK to 8.33kHz. This includes Safetycom.

After the conversion, all assignments will utilise 8.33kHz channel numbers, changing the way common assignments are displayed and spoken. This document outlines the new channel references that must be used after the 3rd January 2019 (AIRAC 01/2019). It is imperative that the correct assignments are used past this date by all users to ensure interoperability.

New channel references are highlighted in the table below.

**Please ensure the correct channel references are utilised, displayed and spoken after the 3rd January 2019.**

## Common Assignments converting in the UK from the 3rd January 2019

Old 25kHz frequency (MHz)	New 8.33kHz channel	Primary Use	Secondary Use	Further Information
118.675	<b>118.680</b>	Hang glider	Para glider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> </ul>
122.475	<b>122.480</b>	Ballooning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> </ul>
122.950	<b>122.955</b>	Depcom		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to UK AIP GEN 3.4</li> </ul>
129.825	<b>129.830</b>	Micro light		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site specific for busy airfields</li> </ul>
129.900	<b>129.905</b>	Gliding	Parachute (AC) Hang glider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> <li>Refer to <a href="#">BGA Guidance</a> or <a href="#">BPA Radio Station Operators Guide</a></li> </ul>
129.975	<b>129.980</b>	Gliding (CGFF)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site specific for busy airfields</li> <li>Refer to <a href="#">BGA guidance</a></li> </ul>

130.100	<b>130.105</b>	Gliding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> <li>Refer to <a href="#">BGA guidance</a></li> </ul>
130.125	<b>130.130</b>	Gliding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> </ul>
130.400	<b>130.405</b>	Gliding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to <a href="#">BGA Guidance</a></li> </ul>
130.525	<b>130.530</b>	Parachute(DZ)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Mobile within UK FIR</li> <li>Refer to <a href="#">BPA Radio Station Operators Guide</a></li> </ul>
135.475	<b>135.480</b>	Safetycom		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to UK AIP GEN 3.4, <a href="#">CAP 413</a> or AIC Yellow 014/2010</li> </ul>

Aeronautical radio station operators, WT Act Licensees and aircraft stations flight crew are responsible for ensuring they use correct radio telephony procedures and discipline so that these assignments are shared in a reasonable manner between all users.

Please note that the usage requirements do not alleviate in any way the requirement for everyone using Aeronautical equipment either on-board an aircraft or in a ground station from having an Aircraft or Transportable Radio Licence, or an Aeronautical Ground Station Licence respectively.

Further information is available from the [Ofcom website](#), [CAA radio licensing pages](#) or through the representing organisation.

[www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-radios/](http://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-radios/)

## Common Assignments remaining on 25kHz spacing

Please note the following assignments will remain on 25 kHz VCS permanently in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation No 1079/2012:

Assignment (MHz)	Use	Notes
<b>121.500</b>	Emergency Frequency	See IR 1079/2012 Article 2, 4(a)(i)
<b>121.600</b>	Fire	Exempted within UK FIR up to 31/12/2025
<b>123.100</b>	SAR Auxiliary Frequency	See IR1079/2012 Article 2, 4(a)(ii)
<b>122.100</b>	NATO Combined Frequency	See IR1079/2012 Preamble (15)