

8.33 NEWS UPDATE 2019

Remember the 'NEW' ballooning frequency is now channel 122.480 (no longer 122.475)

It is illegal to use a 25kHz radio on a frequency that has changed to 8.33 spacing. (that is nearly everything now including the ballooning frequency), so yes, it is technically illegal to use your old radio on 122.475

It will shortly be illegal to use a "old" 25kHz radio on anything other than the emergency channel 121.50

My old radio still works! Yes, but apart from being illegal, you could be talking over one of the new adjacent 8.33 channels (frequencies)

Do I have to change my retrieve radio or car base station? YES

Is my radio 8.33? some older Icom A6 radios are not 8.33!
Unless purchased recently, mostly everything else is also not 8.33 compliant

Not 8.33 kHz compatible

- Delcom, PYE, Motorola, Westminster etc. Older Yaesu radios
- Icom IC-A2/A20/A21/A20MKII/A3E/A22E
- **Older Icom IC-A6E/A24E models.** Earlier models manufactured before 2012 are not compatible or upgradable. These will apply to serial numbers starting with 23 or 24 for the IC-A6E and starting 03 or 04 for the IC-A24E.

8.33 kHz compatible

- **NEWER IC-A6E/A24E.** Later models manufactured from 2012 (serial numbers starting with 33 or 34 for the IC-A6E and starting 13 or 14 for the IC-A24E) comply.
Newer Yaesu radios 250L 450L 750L

My radio is 8.33 but I cannot tune into 122.480?

You will have to set your radio up to 8.33 spacing in the settings menu. Read the manual.