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## **New Amateur Radio Regulations Signed**

New Amateur Radio Regulations were signed today by the Telecoms Regulator, Etain Doyle. Currently, there are approximately 2,000 licensed experimenters (Ham Radio System) operating in the State and licences are renewed annually.

The largest impact of the new regulations is with regard to examinations and to licence renewal. Morse Examinations for Class A licences are now at 5 words per minute, which is a reduction from 12 words per minute and in line with the CEPT standard.

Licence renewal is now a precursory to maintaining a licence.

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