

Who and what is RSM? (And why should I care?)

RSM (Radio Spectrum Management)

RSM in the NZ governing body when it comes to anything related to radio in NZ. They are set up to ensure that all radio services in NZ co-exist and don't cause problems with each other. They have the power to prosecute and confiscate equipment for any breaches where radio equipment used does not comply with the regulations.

In simple terms, they are the "Radio Police" and have wide reaching powers.

website: <https://www.rsm.govt.nz/>

Do Radio Regulations Change from Country to Country?

Yes, this is one of the most common questions we are asked. Regulations on both the equipment we are allowed to use and the channels (fhz) we can use vastly changes from country to country. Chances are if you have purchased equipment from overseas it will be illegal to use in NZ.

Something to be Aware of regarding Radio Regulations

Something many fail to understand about radio regulations and rules is that they are not like the road regulations. You can own a car that can do over the speed limit, but you only get fined if you get speeding. This is NOT how the radio regulations work. All you have to do is be caught with equipment that is capable of transmitting on a illegal channel or fhz and by the letter of the law that is enough reason to have your equipment confiscated and or fined.

While this does not often happen, it does happen and especially if you cause interference to a licensed user.

[please see here for more information](#)

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