

I am strongly opposed to expansion of HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The intent of the Technician license was to provide an entry point for amateur radio. The General and Extra class licenses are the next steps in a progression of experience and knowledge necessary for more expanded privileges. The current licensing structure amply provides for this.