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I suggest the entry into the use of most HF privileges remain 5 words per minute. Having a 13 wpm test as the first Morse Code exam would be a major road block to higher class licensing.

The best way to increase code speed is to USE Morse Code. I'm an extra class HAM and I'm speaking from experience. The 5 wpm is an easy test. Getting to 13 wpm is a major challenge unless a person is operating. With making contacts, 13 wpm is no challenge at all.

Additionally, I support having the VEC's determine the method used for passing the exam. In fact since I'm a VE, I recommend that the multiple choice method be used. My experience is that people that can copy the code pass the multiple choice tests & that the people that can't copy the code, fail the multiple choice tests.

Summary - Multiple choice is efficient & it is accurate.

Thank You

Wayne I. Hughes - WA0TGH

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<TEXT>I am in agreement with the proposed changes except that I think the RACES organizations are very much outdated. Could the FCC consider making The ARES organization the main entity to handle communication emergencies.

ARES is already doing so in many States and Counties. The ARRL has a great working relationship with the FCC in other aspects. Such as the Official Observer Program.

If the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Could be listed in Part 97 in place of RACES I believe personally as well as many others we would have a more unified emergency service to serve the public's needs in time of crisis.

In closing the Code should be 5 per minute for General and 10 for Amateur Extra Class

Thanks Tom Bench Sr.

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From: jim and nancy royce <ac5gr@swbell.net>
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Subject: licenseing

this is only my opinion;
i think that cw is going to be a thing of the past. if the fcc wants to
keep licenseing with hams in mind i think each new ham should be
required to build a transciever and have it tested by a ve team before
ever being issued a license of any type.
thanks/jr[]

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