

Comments to NPRM, WT Docket No. 98-143 Section E

Dear Sir,

I believe the FCC is correct in their position that Morse code is rapidly dwindling as a used and useful mode of communications and agree that it be eliminated as a test requirement for Amateur Radio licensing.

I am aware that the International Radio Treaty requires the testing and retention of a 5 WPM skill level in Morse code below 30 MHz. I support any effort by the FCC to work with other parties to the treaty to eliminate the 5 WPM requirement.

I further support the restructuring of Amateur Service licensing to 3 classes. It would seem that licenses corresponding to the current Technician, General and Extra classes would provide incentive to upgrade.

I do not mean to suggest that Morse code be eliminated as a permitted mode of operation as it still provides a recreational function.

Thank you,

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