

I agree with the FCC regarding the decreasing role of Morse code in today's radio communications. I believe the use of Morse code by amateurs is now a purely recreational activity and that there should no longer be any governmental requirement for morse code testing above that required by international law. A single minimum code speed examination would also eliminate the often misused medical waivers for disabled amateurs testing for higher class licenses. I suggest that any interim code requirement used to fulfill the international Radio Regulations be written to include language that would automatically end such requirement within three months of the elimination of the international requirement. As a result of all Morse code requirements being set at 5 WPM and considering the few differences in privileges between the Advanced and Amateur Extra Class, I believe only three license classes would be needed. These classes would correspond to the current Technician, General and Amateur Extra Class. I greatly appreciate the actions being taken to simplify the amateur radio service requirements and hope that these actions will help to bring more people into the service. Thank you.