

I agree with the ARRL proposal in most aspects. There are two areas that I would like to see changed however. That being the code requirement, and the VE options. I would like to see the Morse Code requirement be reduced to 5 wpm for all classes. In my opinion, cw is no longer a relevant exam element. People still enjoy using it as a mode of operation, however a lot of us, just use our computers to use code anyway. Why should cw be anymore of a requirement than say packet, atv, rtty, well, you get the picture.

On VE testing, you have proposed allowing Advancwed operators give General exams. Why not go one step further, and allow them to give Advanced as well. For example, Extras can give their class and below, Advanced should be able to do the same. as the old saying goes, been there, done that. That would enlarge the pool of possible Ve's.

On a different subject, I would like to see the FCC change our licenses to lifetime. This would result in less paper work in most cases for you, as a person would not have to renew. The only time of course they would have to file, is for address change, upgrade change, and vanity call sign change. Just a thought. Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to express our views.