

It is not clear to me what happens to Technician plus licensees such as myself with regard to HF frequency band operation. As I understand Novices keep their HF privileges but Technician plus licensees lose theirs. I have passed the same test as Novice licensees and more, so it is not understandable why I should lose privileges.

I have previously passed the General and Advanced written tests. I have not been able to obtain sufficient proficiency at Morse code at the required speeds. I see no legitimate requirement for Morse code. Frankly I have better things to do with my time than to waste it trying to obtain proficiency in a mode of communication that is well past obsolete. License requirements should be driven by the knowledge of techniques and requirements that are currently of use for communication and not by how fast one can communicate. Morse code should be available to all that wish to utilize it but not shoved down the throats of everyone else! Of the proposals I am familiar with, I support the ARRL license requirements restructuring with the Morse code requirements eliminated completely.