

TO: FCC Commissioners  
Washington, DC

RE: 1998 Biennial Regulatory  
Review adm't., part 97 of the  
Commission's Amateur Service  
rules FCC WT docket 98-143

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Dear Commissioners:

I hold a General Class License and have been an Amateur radio operator since 1960.

Here are my comments on license re-structuring. Have (3) three classes of licensing as follows:

- A- Extra @ 20 wpm code proficiency.
- B- General @ 13 wpm code proficiency.
- C- Technician @ 5 wpm code proficiency.

We don't need the Novice, Tech plus, or the Advanced Classes. Either meld the Advanced with the Extra, or the Generals with the Advanced. In the 60's the Extra and Advanced were generated as incentive classes. I see the Advanced Class as an overlap of the General Class, and therefore an unnecessary class license. The Tech and Novice class also overlap.

Concerning Morse code. It's a form of discipline which is needed within the Amateur Community. As for the written requirements, I believe in what the FCC sets as the standard of electronic knowledge.

I believe in the three member panel VE testing setup. I would be against the Advanced Class giving tests. I just think the door would be opened to more abuse of testing without the three member test setup.

I feel that the FCC proposal is basically sound. I worked too hard to get my license and would like to see the General Class license kept, or at the very least upgraded rather than downgraded.

Sincerely yours,



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