

I support the FCC's plan to restructure the Amateur Radio Licensing Classes.

I believe there should be THREE classes of Amateur Radio licenses, specifically:

- Technician - No Morse code requirement -- All VHF/UHF privileges, *plus* CW access to all General Class CW portions of the HF bands.
- General - 5WPM Morse code, Novice Theory, Technician Theory and General Theory -- All HF, VHF and UHF privileges except new Extra CW band (see "Extra" below).
- Extra - 20WPM Morse code -- Additional CW only spectrum on each HF band.

I propose that the current Novice, Technician, and General Theory written examinations be either rewritten, or combined in some way.

New Technician Class operators should have CW access to the new General CW HF subbands so that they may experiment with CW (thus making it easier to upgrade to Extra should they so wish).

It is important that those given access to worldwide HF bands understand the impact their transmissions will have on other HF users worldwide. To this end, I feel that the General Theory written exam should be required.

To keep the current Extra Class operators happy, I believe that the 20WPM Morse code exam should be maintained, and that the new Extra Class license should give this license holder access to additional CW-only spectrum.

Sincerely,

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