

Comments of:

I am an amateur extra class and have held a license since 1960.

I. Number of Amateur Service License Classes;

The number of license classes should be four (4) to include; Technician, Technician Plus, General and Extra.

II. Disposition of the Novice Class:

The Novice class should be replaced with the Technician Plus as the entry level for privileges below 28 MHz.

III. Advance Class VEs for General Class testing;

There is no problem with them giving the test.

IV. Should the Technician Plus class be phased out:

This should be the new entry level into the bands below 28MHz with the following requirements; Pass the following elements, 25 questions of element 2, 25 questions of element 3(A), 25 questions of element 3(B) and 1(A) at 8 WPM.

V. Enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service:

All applicants should be required to pay a \$15.00 license fee for services rendered and the funds should be used by the Commission for enforcement. The ARRL Official Observer program should be used to notify the FCC of violations.

VI. Telegraphy Examination Requirements;

The Technician Plus should be required to pass a CW test of 8 WPM. The new General Class should be required to pass a CW test of 15 WPM. No additional CW requirements should be needed for upgrades.

VII. Written Examinations;

Technician Class; Element 2 25 questions, Element 3(A) 25 questions
Technician Plus Class; Element 2 25 questions, Element 3(A) 25 questions and Element 3(B) 25 questions.

General; Same as Technician Plus with the addition of Element 4(A) 50 questions.

Extra; Same as the General with the addition of Element 50 questions.

VIII. Conclusion:

The continued CW requirements should be maintained to stimulate the CW mode as a stable means of communications which is still far more suitable during times of high noise and QRM. The CW mode is understood in all languages with the help of international Q signals.