

Comments on paragraph 14: I agree with the proposal of merging the current Novice, Technician and Technician Plus class licenses into a new Technician class license.

Comments on paragraph 24: The International Morse code requirement for the new proposed Technician class license should be eliminated. However, the only mode Technician class licensees be allowed on the HF bands is Morse code. The Morse code requirement for the General and Advanced class licenses should be reduced to five and 12 words per minute, respectively. The Extra class license should not require an additional Morse code test. The Morse code test should be standardized across all Volunteer Examiners. Also, new elements should be added to the written examination that cover the newer digital communication techniques.