

Hello. I am An Amateur Radio Operator. My call sign is KB9NCZ, and I am a No-Code Tech.

I support the proposal of No-Code International.

Morse Code examinations as a means of entering into or advancing in the Amateur Service are as obsolete as high-button shoes. These examinations have evolved primarily into a punitive "hazing" that serves to keep otherwise well-qualified individuals from entering into, or advancing within, the Amateur Service. Morse code should be eliminated immediately as a licensing requirement.

If the Commission sees a need to maintain a minimum of testing to comply with the ITU treaty section S25.5, the code testing speed should be no more than 5WPM for any class of Amateur license. In addition, a "sunset clause" should be added to Part 97 that would eliminate code testing as soon as the requirement in S25.5 is struck from the ITU treaty.

If it please the Commission, I have my own proposal:

1. Morse code as a licensing requirement to be eliminated entirely and immediately.
2. Two classes of the Amateur Service: General and Advanced.
3. Those current licensees not at a General level to take the current General technical examination for certification.
4. General to have privileges on 50% of each HF band, and 100% privileges on all other bands.
5. Advanced to have 100% privileges on all bands.
6. Technical examinations to be made much more difficult in terms of radio technology knowledge, and operating practices.

I realize that such a proposal is probably viewed as too radical, but something new and innovative needs to be done, otherwise the members of the Amateur Service can look forward to their hobby going the way of the Model T Ford... EXTINCTION.

Regards.

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