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I agree with Mr. Reich's assertion that allowing upgrades to novice^{operator} and advanced license classes would help public service abilities. First, it would allow novices with 20 years to participate in weather nets which are so important to us here in Florida. Secondly, the upgrade of an advanced licensee to extra would allow that individual to gain access to more usable frequency space for passing traffic in the event of an emergency like Hurricane Andrew. The Commission should take a close look at the advantages that this petition could provide the citizens of this country.

Raymond J. Green KB5XW

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To : FCC

I strongly support and endorse petition RM-10620 submitted by Dale Reich, K8AD. This petition asks the FCC to automatically upgrade Novice and Advances amateur radion licenses to the next license class if the licensee has 20 or more years of operating experience.

In my case, I have been continuously licensed and operating since 1956 under the amateur radio call signs KN9ATM (novice), K9ATM (general), K4FZZ (general), K4FZZ (advanced).

In my case, my focus of operations is emergency preparedness, emergency communications, public service and experimentation.

Over the years, in spite of upgrading to higher class licenses, changes in license class priviledges have reduced the spectrum available to me for operations.

I strongly feel that these priviledge reductions have reduced the ability of me and other experienced amateur radio operators like me be able to fully respond to and perform public service functions and duties should the need arise.

For these reasons I respectfully request FCC to approve RM-10620 as petitioned by Dale Reich. In this day and time, I believe that it is especially important to empower experienced operators to the maximum possible extent should the need for a large pool of experienced, technically competent operators be needed to serve the interests of our country.

Regards,
Milton Nevrenchan/K4FZZ
6938 Tan Tar A Estates
Osage Beach, MO 65065

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From: "Bob Maser" <bmaser@tampabay.rr.com>
To: <ak437@acorn.net>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 22:49:25 -0500
Subject: RM-10621

RM-10621

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Dale, I disagree with your proposal RM-10621 just as much as I disagreed with the no code Extra. And I still think that it was a slap in the face for those of us that had to get to that 20 WPM level in order to be able to use DX frequencies. This latest proposal of yours makes no sense at all. The way I look at it, if you fail the driving test for 20 years you still shouldn't be given a license to drive until you learn well enough to pass the test. Anyone who has been an Advanced for 20 years either doesn't have the interest in putting in the effort or has probably been inactive for most of that time. We all seem to be so concerned that this great hobby of ours is getting obsolete that we are willing to drop the price of admission so that anyone can get on the air. If you would take the time to listen around the bands, you can hear testimony that the hobby is becoming almost as bad as CB.

Sincerely,
Bob Maser
W6TR

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From: <k5zol@earthlink.net>
To: ak437@acorn.net
Date: Thu, 02 Jan 2003 12:48:17 -0800
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- > If you have any other changes you feel should
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- > Thanks Again
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- > Dale Reich - k8ad
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- > > I think your upgrade petition makes a lot of
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- > > Bob K5ZOL
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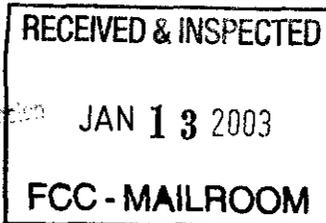
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Hal Wade

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CC: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us
Date: Sat, 4 Jan 2003 16:08:59 US/Eastern
Subject: Re: General Class?

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20541

My Proposal is not set in cement, steel, or stone.

If you send a e-comment to the fcc with your additional ideas. I don't expect my proposal to pass, however through comments it can be modified on the ECFS comment page, follow the instructions. log in with data, and submit your altnet suggestions. Your Idea are fine. But over looked at the time the printed copy was sent to the FCC.

Please also direct your comments to bcross@fcc.gov also at WTB section your input is need.

Thanks

Dale

> Dale,
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> If your recommendation were to pass, would it include Generals as well?
>
> John.....a.k.a. WA8NDL
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To: <ak437@acorn.net>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 08:11:37 -0600
Subject: rm10620

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Hi dale

I concur with your petition in its entirety. Please may I have the FCC address or web site so I can also add my two cents in this endeavor. I will ask other hams in the area to also see this proposal. Thanks.

73, John W9JN

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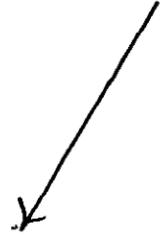
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January 3, 2003

F.C.C.
Washington, DC

Re: Response to petition for rule making # RM-10620 from K8AD

I would like to add my opinion to the above-mentioned petition. I support this petition for the following reasons:

When I upgraded from General Class to Advanced Class back in the 70's as W8LTE, the only difference between the Advanced test and the Extra test was the 20wpm code test. Therefore, I passed the same written exam as I would have been given for upgrade to Extra Class. With the changes in code speed currently in effect, I have, in fact, passed the Extra Class license test but am only licensed as an Advanced Class operator.

Since the Advanced Class is no longer available and since I already have passed the Extra Class written test in effect at the time of my testing, I feel that I should be "upgraded" to Extra Class status.

Sincerely,

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1722-B Valpar Drive
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EXTRA CLASS - 20 WPM

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EXTRA CLASS - 5 WPM

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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RE: **RM-10620**

I am in favor of the proposed rule making change. Many of the Extra licenses issued since May 2000 are little but memorize the test pool questions. Some actually have little technical knowledge. I have heard the question asked over the air by more than one Extra class operator on instructions on building a simple Dipole antenna, the basic antenna of amateur radio. When the FCC restructured the licensing in 2000 it was to save money. These two classes should have been "grandfathered" at that time.



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From: "AL MAC KENZIE" <WB6BBH@arrl.net>
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Concerning the proposal RM-10620 we favor it's entire acceptance. The present licensing system does absolutely nothing to further the art of electronics theory knowledge/retention, it is presently based upon how good of a "Memorizer" one is, plain and simple! For "some" others to say that we would get something for nothing by passing this notice of proposed rule-making are already getting something for nothing as most of them "Memorized" the licensing testing material to acquire their own licenses.

It would definitely behoove the FCC to streamline the entire licensing structure by having only 3 license-levels in place, rather than the hodge-podge that presently exists.

Also we would like to add that by "Grand-Fathering" in we Advanced Class licensees to Extra that we have proven our abilities and skills having had to pass the 13wpm (sending as well as receiving) before an agent of the FCC under less than desirable conditions.

The present licensing requirements do absolutely nothing to promote CW activity within the Extra-Class subbands, which on any given day are practically EMPTY, while above the Extra-subbands much CW activity is very noticeable and at speeds well above 5wpm! The only fair method to again re-populate the lower parts of the CW subbands is to re-instate what was rightfully ours prior to the instigation of the "Failed" Incentive Licensing Plan of 1967/68.

So in conclusion I heartedly support the passage of RM-10620!

James H. Davis
Advanced Class Licensee: received 11-1-1968



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From: "John E. Feltz" <jfw9jn@tznet.com>
To: <ak437@acorn.net>
Subject: rml0620
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 08:11:37 -0600
Message-ID: <008801c2ae7b\$0b6712b0\$3042aa42@johnhzxhr7kabj>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
X-Priority: 3 (Normal)
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook, Build 10.0.2616
Importance: Normal
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V5.50.4522.1200
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X-UIDL: CFR!kmid9*SXd9@-1e9
Status: RO

Hi dale

I concur with your petition in its entirety. Please may I have the FCC
address or web site so I can also add my two cents in this endeavor. I
will ask other hams in the area to also see this proposal. Thanks.

73, John W9JN





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From: Kg6bdj@cs.com
To: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 20:53:04 EST
Subject: RM-10620

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Dale; I agree with all of your proposal except, advancing the Advanced ticket holders. These are the last of the licenses that had to be earned. Now adays anyone with 5 words and a good memory (or a little luck), can get an Extra class ticket. Just my opinion. Thanks for listening, de Dennis KG6BDJ

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From: <k5zol@earthlink.net>
To: ak437@acorn.net
Date: Thu, 02 Jan 2003 12:48:17 -0800
Subject: Re: UR FCC petition

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From: Tgl123@aol.com
To: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us
Date: Wed, 1 Jan 2003 09:17:41 EST
Subject: QRZ:

I read your suggestion about upgrading the advanced class to extra..I would love that since I am an advanced class...I am an avid dxer and need 3 more countries to have them all...If that ever happens I plan on just rag chewing and with no intensions of upgrading. Going to the extra portion of the band would be great. I got my novice license in 1982 so I think this would effect me in the upgrading...I think that most all active hams for 20 years or more have good operating techniques and have earned this suggestion you have made...Thanks...Terry.

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