

I don't believe allowing current Technician class licensees instant access to spectrum below 30 MHz is the proper approach. When the current license structure became effective in April 2003, part of the criteria was no operator would lose any privileges, nor would any licensee gain any privileges without earning them. This proposal is allowing Technicians who have not passed Element 1 an instant upgrade without earning the same elements as the current Technician with HF, or General class licensees.

While there is a small list of countries choosing to drop the Morse Code requirement from their licensing requirements, but the majority of countries have not.

Five words per minute is not difficult. The reason so many people have a "problem" with it is because they have made up their minds it is too hard. I recommend the current requirement for Element 1 testing be retained.