

I am against eliminating the morse code requirement for amateur radio testing. There is family radio, general mobile service & CB for those that do want to be tested. CW makes it possible for new hams to build equipment at low cost and to begin to understand the technology of radio and electronics. CW is still the best mode for weak signal communication. Digital communications requires lots of special equipment that will probably not be available or in working order when an emergency occurs.

CW is currently the best method of testing for amateur radio. It separates those with desire and commitment from those that don't. Our current exam pool is published with all the answers. Many taking the test simply memorize the questions and answers and do not learn electronic theory.

Amateur radio is supposed to be able to provide trained emergency operators and advance the state of electronics and radio. If you eliminate the CW requirement you will have a pool of hobbyists who are not interested nor able to fulfill either of those goals.

Please keep and strengthen the amateur code testing requirements.