

Comments on RM-10786
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I am active in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service as DEC for digital communications for Georgia. I believe that the Morse Code requirement has become the single greatest obstacle to creating a cadre of trained all band all mode emergency communicators.

With the increasing capability of computer based DSP software that can copy PSK-31, CW and other digital modes at S/N levels below that of even the best human ear the continued use of a Morse code test is only as a litmus test.

The Morse code requirement was conceived in a time when it was needed to enhance emergency communications; this time has long past and the code requirement is now a hindrance to effective emergency communications.

I support No-Code Internationals Petition to remove the code entirely from all classes of amateur Licenses. I believe all current codeless technicians should be granted limited HF privileges to coincide with those granted technicians with code endorsement.

I believe a three tier system of licenses will be the easiest to administer. So I would support a change to the following.

Entry level (corresponds to Tech with code) (HF with limitations on power and band segment)

Advanced (corresponds to Advanced Class) (HF with band segment limitations but full amateur power limits)

Master (corresponds to Extra class) (Extra exclusive band segments, license required to run special experimental modes that require FCC authorization)