

I am a licensed amateur radio operator (N3SYM) and believe the furthering of my knowledge of radio communication is being unduly restricted by maintaining a Morse Code (CW) proficiency requirement in order for me to upgrade the class of my license. Morse Code (CW) is nothing more than another mode of radio frequency emission. It is a mode no more or less than AM, FM, SSB, RTTY, TV, etc. There is no test on any of these modes and there should be no special test of CW. I am personally a Computer Systems Analyst and am heavily involved in electronics/communications and the only impediment to furthering my interest/knowledge of radio communications is the existing Morse Code requirement. Since there is no longer any international Morse Code requirement for amateur radio operators, the United States should drop the requirement and allow us "techies" have the opportunity to enrich our radio communications abilities. Technical and rule knowledge should be all that is required for amateur radio operator licensing. The service will be the better for it.