

As an Amateur Radio licensee for the better part of 25 years:

I feel RM-10807 is the most reasonable approach to an HF license minus Morse code proficiency. It removes the make/break nature of the exam element while retaining its role as an important aspect of Amateur Radio tradition. There can be no future for the radio service without its connection to its past.

License candidates studying the code learn far more than a simple aural presentation of the Roman alphabet, Arabic numerals, and punctuation. The discipline required for its effective learning actually imparts a code of behavior critical to the distinctive character of Amateur Radio as specified in Title 47 CFR Part 97.1 in a way no technical criterion can match. For the foreseeable future, Amateur Radio, at least within the United States, will need Element 1 in its license syllabus.

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