

I support proposal RM-10867 as submitted by the ARRL. The revival of the novice class will bring a true entry-level license to the amateur service. The technician class, as it is today, does not fit that purpose. As to the idea of upgrading current technicians to general without a Morse code test I offer the following:

As a technician class license I have the following privileges and abilities:

- Operation on all amateur bands above 30Mhz
- All modes of operation on all bands above 30Mhz
- Full legal power limit
- Build and operate my own equipment and construct antennas
- The 6-meter band allows worldwide communications
- I can bounce signals off the moon
- I can communicate through satellites over great distances
- Participation in emergency communications, both drills and actual emergencies
- Experimentation with microwave frequencies, which can be quite dangerous if you don't know what you are doing.
- Etc, etc, etc.....

Having said all that I fail to see what purpose requiring a test in Morse proficiency to gain access to frequencies below 30Mhz accomplishes. There is nothing to be done on those frequencies that the technician class cannot already do. Some may argue that it keeps the bad apples out but I'm sure as the FCC you can attest to the fact that it doesn't work.

Thank you for allowing me your time,
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