

It should be noted that given the many modes of radio communication, most of these occupy more extensive bandwidth than ever before. It would seem that with the invention of the modes mentioned in this document that CW would become obsolete.

With the crowding of radio bands, CW can be an excellent way to make efficient use of the radio bands. Furthermore, with the 5 wpm requirement, it is easier to obtain licenses requiring Morse code. Furthermore, I became interested in Morse code BECAUSE it is required for the Advanced and Extra licenses (I studied for two weeks for my Technicians license, and passed both the element 1 (Morse Code) and Element 2 (Technician Written) exams. I probably would not become interested in Morse Code if I was not motivated to study for the test.

With so many Morse Code computer programs and web sites available, there is no reason that people cannot learn Morse Code - it is not particularly difficult. I also met a man, who due to a tracheotomy and feeding tube, cannot talk - you can bet he is very proficient in Morse Code. He was one of my examiners and was very pleased I took the Morse Code test.

Finally, in an emergency when everything is down, Morse Code may at times be the only way to reach people due to its use of such a narrow bandwidth.

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