

Dear Sirs;

On the proposal to eliminate the Morse Code test for the Technician Plus, General, and Extra Class Amateur licenses, it should be considered that not everyone will have the best of intentions or interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Once any sort of pre-qualification is gone, it will be (more) difficult for licensed Amateur Radio Operators to be effective in providing any kind of disaster relief radio communications. Eliminating the Morse Code as a requirement for upgrade will remove the last bar separating those with a genuine interest in the Amateur Radio Service from those who would use Amateur Radio to its detriment. I urge you to keep the Morse Code as a requirement for upgrade in the Amateur Service.

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