

Dear Sirs;

I sincerely believe that dropping the Morse Code from amateur license testing is a serious mistake. Allow me to share an earlier posting from docket 05-235 with you....

“I believe that the Fcc should Recognize any Technichian class operater that was licensed before the year 2000 as a Genral class operater. In fact that the had to pass a novice test and then the Tecnician test. There by showing there compentance to use the HF bands.” (Sic)

This posting (and others) gives me great confidence that dropping the code is definitely the wrong move. There are a lot of people who want amateur privileges to be freely GIVEN to them. That's all a lot of people are saying; “Gimme, Gimme, GIMMEE!” Earning privileges simply are not in their vocabulary, if indeed they have much of a vocabulary to start with. This gives me great concern, because I have doubt that they could read Part 97 of the Commission's rules, much less understand it or bother to adhere to it.

The question pools are all in the public domain. Once the code is gone, everyone will soon upgrade to the Amateur Extra class license. A great many may not read that well, but they sure can memorize those question pools! Effectively, there will soon be just one class of amateur license. There will be no reason to continue VE testing at all. Why not just have one license test and call it a “General Amateur Radio License”? So enough, please! Keep the code!

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