

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)	WT Docket No. 05-235
Rules)	
To Implement WRC-03 Regulations)	RM-10781, RM-10782, RM-10783,
Applicable to Requirements for Operator)	RM-10784, RM-10785, RM-10786,
Licenses in the Amateur Radio Service)	RM-10787, RM-10805, RM-10806,
)	RM-10807, RM-10808, RM-10809,
)	RM-10810, RM-10811, RM-10867,
)	RM-10868, RM-10869, RM-10870

Comments of David J. Duffey, KB7QWZ

I am commenting as an individual to thank you for your proposal to eliminate Morse testing from the licensing process as a requirement for updating Amateur licenses. I am currently over 70 years old and obtained my Technician no code license in 1992 when you eliminated the code portion of the exam. Beginning when I was a Boy Scout I have never been able to master the code. Since obtaining my Tech license I have wanted to upgrade but have failed at least a dozen times to absorb the code. I once had a doctor tell me that my brain is apparently wired differently since it all sounds the same to me and repetition simply does not work with me. I admire the ones that communicate with others in code and would never take anything away from them. I will not however ever be able to communicate with them so I thought I would never have the experience of communicating in HF before I go silent. Should this proposal reach reality soon I will try to pass the written to upgrade if my brain co-operates. I had hoped you would go one step further and automatically upgrade Techs. to General but I guess that is too much to ask and would probably cause a fire storm. At any rate, I want to convey that I am one of many I have talked to that really appreciate your efforts at keeping Amateur radio current and in step with many other countries in the world. Thank you.

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