

I support removing the Morse Code (AKA "CW") requirement for General and Amateur Extra Class Amateur Radio licenses. This will bring the USA in line with other countries like Germany and Italy which have dropped the requirement, but more importantly, increase US interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Keeping the Morse Code requirement no longer makes sense, any more than requiring proficiency in more modern forms of Amateur Radio, such as PSK-31, would make sense.

Although some hams see the Morse requirement as a way to keep poor operators off the Amateur Radio Service HF bands, a better way would be to test for good operating practices and enforce regulations against those who abuse the service.

Thank you,  
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