

I write reply comments to the ARRL's comment filing. In their filing the ARRL requests that the FCC upgrade the Technician Class License to include HF privileges. I agree with this portion of their filing.

It make sense to include some HF privileges in all classes of license. This would provide the beginner with the experience necessary to learn and advance.

However, I disagree with the ARRL's position on Morse Code testing. They believe, as do many Extra Class Licensees, that morse code testing should be retained at the Extra Class level. I believe that there should be not further morse code testing at any level. It is not needed to prove qualifications to properly operate a radio transmitting and receiving station on the amateur bands. It is not needed for any regulatory purpose.

Please quickly approve the NPRM&O to remove morse code testing from all amateur radio licensing examinations.

Thank you,

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