

My reply comments in this matter are these. The ARRL's comments miss the mark when it comes to Extra Class licenses, in that they wish to retain the Morse testing for that class of license.

I believe that the Commission is correct in eliminating this requirement for all classes of amateur licenses.

The argument I presented before still stands, that Morse code is a wonderful and fun mode to communicate that I and many others enjoy.

But, I don't believe proficiency in Morse should be a requirement for a license examination in the Amateur Radio Service.

The ARRL further requests a change in the operating privileges and possibly revisiting existing license classes that are no longer issued, like Advanced and Novice.

I agree that changes must be made to streamline the license classes and privileges.

I also believe the exact changes that need to be made in classes and privileges will be evident shortly after the change in Morse testing requirements is effective.

The commission's goals and the best interests of the amateur service will be served if the Commission makes this examination change quickly and then immediately evaluates other changes in privileges and "orphaned" license classes.