

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the elimination of Element 1 of the Amateur radio exam. I have been licensed since July 1997 and have been trying to learn code for all those years. Having a slight learning disability has limited me to a technician class license. I would like to ability to explore the hobby more by getting on HF. I do agree that learning the code for the Extra class exam at 5 words per minute is appropriate. Due to the invention of computers and other technology I feel Morse code has been outdated. Perhaps the FCC can rearrange the band and laws in a way that would require a Morse code certification in which one would have to pass the 5 words per minute telegraph test to operate in CW mode. For example just because I have a drivers license doesn't mean I can operate an tractor trailer. I would have to obtain my CDL license.

Thank you,

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