

RE: Docket 12-283

II.,B,11. Number of VEs:

I oppose the proposed reduction in the numbers of VE's to administer a test from 3 to 2. Mistakes can and do happen. They happen less often when 3 VE's are required to verify test scores and other data. If remote areas such as Alaska have special needs, make an exception of the rules for those areas ONLY on a case by case basis.

II., A.,1. Credit for expired licenses:

I oppose the proposal to grant examination credit for expired licenses. From the time I was first licensed in 1962, things have changed alot. Even amateurs from 10-15 years ago have seen major changes in the hobby including new modes, new bands of operation and new MODE allocations within the bands. Hams who have been out of the loop for an extended period of time need to re-test and prove they know the current rules and protocols.

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