

## Comment on the RM-11625 Request

Concur with the Anchorage VEC in his findings that the time has come to permit Amateur Operators to be allowed to take credit from previous exams passed. Even in instances where the license has in fact expired credit should remain for the Amateur Operator to renew without retesting.

I further concur with the reduction in Volunteer Examiners required for testing from 3 to 2 VE's. As explained in the supporting documentation it is in the best interest of the VE program to maximize available Volunteer Examiners where possible. With driving distances for some being 50 miles or more in order to be able to attend a testing session either as an examiner or a examinee. The reduction from 3 to 2 VE's will permit more testing sessions with less out of pocket expenses for the VE's from the cost of fuel and further as is the case here in Alaska reduce the risk of getting to and from an exam session in very serious weather conditions.

Lastly I support and concur with the Remote Testing allowance. In remote areas like Alaska it can be almost impossible to get even two VE's to a testing session in the very remote areas of the state. The technology has progressed to the point where this type of exam can be monitored remotely by additional VE(s) as long as one VE is physically present at the testing session. This remote testing has been accomplished successfully here in Alaska to the satisfaction of the FCC in the past by waiver. Its time to make it a rule.

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