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MARIN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE OR UP-GRADE

Your NAME:

Your FRN #

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ENTER THE DATE YOU WISH TO ATTEND:
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IF ALREADY LICENSED, YOUR CALL IS: CLASS:

IS THE ADDRESS ON YOUR CURRENT LICENSE CORRECT? YES NO

CHECK THE LICENSE CLASS YOU WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR:
TECHNICIAN: GENERAL: AMATEUR EXTRA:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM NCVEC FORM 605

ARE WRITTEN TESTS AN FCC-LICENSE REQUIREMENT? ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS?

Beginning April 15, 2000, you may be examined on only three classes of operator licenses, each authorizing varying levels of privileges. The class for which each examinee is qualified is determined by the degree of skill and knowledge in operating a station that the examinee demonstrates to volunteer examiners (VEs) in his or her community. The demonstration of this knowledge is required in order to obtain an Amateur Operator/Primary Station License. There is no exemption from the written exam requirements for persons with difficulty in reading, writing, or because of a handicap or disability. There are exam accommodations that can be afforded examinees (see ACCOMMODATING A HANDICAPPED PERSON below). Most new amateur operators start at the Technician class and then advance one class at a time. The VEs give examination credit for the license class currently (and in some cases, previously) held so that examinations required for that license need not be repeated. The written examinations are constructed from question pools that have been made public (see: <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html>>.) Helpful study guides and training courses are also widely available. To locate examination opportunities in your area, contact your local club, VE group, one of the 14 VECs or see the online listings at: <<http://www.w5yi.org/vol-exam.htm>> or <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>>.

IS KNOWLEDGE OF MORSE CODE AN FCC-LICENSE REQUIREMENT? ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS?

Some persons have difficulty in taking Morse code tests because of a handicap or disability. There is available to all otherwise qualified persons, handicapped or not, the Technician Class operator license that does not require passing a Morse code examination. Because of international regulations, however, any US FCC licensee seeking access to the HF bands (frequencies below 30 MHz) must have demonstrated proficiency in Morse code. If a US FCC licensee wishes to gain access to the HF bands, there is no exemption available from this Morse code proficiency requirement. If licensed as a Technician class, upon passing a Morse code examination operation on certain HF bands is permitted.

THE REASON FOR THE MORSE CODE EXAMINATION

Telegraphy is a method of electrical communication that the Amateur Radio Service community strongly desires to preserve. The FCC supports this objective by authorizing additional operating privileges to amateur

operators who pass a Morse Code examination. Normally, to attain this skill, intense practice is required. Annually, thousands of amateur operators prove, by passing examinations, that they have acquired the skill. These examinations are prepared and administered by amateur operators in the local community who volunteer their time and effort.

THE EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

The volunteer examiners (VEs) send a short message in the Morse code. The examinee must decipher a series of audible dots and dashes into 43 different alphabetic, numeric, and punctuation characters used in the message. Usually a 10-question quiz is then administered asking questions about items contained in the message.

ACCOMMODATING A HANDICAPPED PERSON

Many handicapped persons accept and benefit from the personal challenge of passing the examination in spite of their hardships. For handicapped persons who have difficulty in proving that they can decipher messages sent in the Morse code, the VEs make exceptionally accommodative arrangements. To assist such persons, the VEs will:

- adjust the tone in frequency and volume to suit the examinee.
- administer the examination at a place convenient and comfortable to the examinee, even at bedside.
- for a deaf person, they will send the dots and dashes to a vibrating surface or flashing light.
- write the examinee's dictation.
- where warranted, they will pause in sending the message after each sentence, each phrase, each word, or in extreme cases they will pause the exam message character-by-character to allow the examinee additional time to absorb, to interpret or even to speak out what was sent.
- or they will even allow the examinee to send the message, rather than receive it.

Should you have any questions, please contact your local volunteer examiner team, or contact one of the 14 volunteer examiner coordinator (VEC) organizations. For contact information for VECs, or to contact the FCC, call 888-225-5322 (weekdays), or write to FCC, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. Fax 717-338-2696. Also see the FCC web at: <<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/amateur/>>.

RENEWING, MODIFYING OR REINSTATING YOUR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR/PRIMARY STATION LICENSE

RENEWING YOUR AMATEUR LICENSE

The NCVEC Form 605 may also be used to renew or modify your Amateur Radio Operator/Primary Station license. License renewal may only be completed during the final 90 days prior to license expiration, or up to two years after expiration. Changes to your mailing address, name and requests for a sequential change of your station call sign appropriate for your license class may be requested at any time. This form may not be used to apply for a specific ("Vanity") station call sign.

REINSTATING YOUR AMATEUR LICENSE

This form may also be used to reinstate your Amateur Radio Operator/Station license if it has been expired less than the two year grace period for renewal. After the two year grace period you must retake the amateur license examinations to become relicensed. You will be issued a new systematic call sign.

RENEWING OR MODIFYING YOUR LICENSE

On-line renewal: You can submit your renewal or license modifications to FCC on-line via the internet/VVWW at: <<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>>. To do so, you must first register in ULS by following the "Register, TIN/Call Sign" link and then complete your registration information (ignore the contact person, and SGIN references). You must then choose the "File, ULS Filing" link to perform your on-line transaction with FCC. Direct any on-line filing or password questions to FCC Tech Support weekdays at tel: 202-414-1250.

Renewal by mail: If you choose to renew by mail, you can mail the "FCC Form 605" to FCC. You can obtain FCC Form 605 via the internet at <<http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>> or <<ftp://ftp.fcc.gov/pub/Forms/Form605/>>. It's available by fax at 202-418-0177 (request Form 000605). The FCC Forms Distribution Center will accept form orders by calling

800-418-3676. FCC Form 605 has a main form, plus a Schedule D. The main form is all that is needed for renewals. Mail FCC Form 605 to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. This is a free FCC service. The NCVEC Form 605 application can be used for a license renewal, modification or reinstatement. NCVEC Form 605 can be processed by VECs, but not all VECs provide this as a routine service. ARRL Members can submit NCVEC Form 605 to the ARRL/VEC for processing. ARRL Members or others can choose to submit their NCVEC Form 605 to a local VEC (check with the VEC office before forwarding), or it can be returned with a \$6.00 application fee to: The W5YI Group, Inc., P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, Texas 75356 (a portion of this fee goes to the National Conference of VECs to help defray their expenses). The NCVEC Form 605 may not be returned to the FCC since it is an internal VEC form. Once again, the service provided by FCC is free.

THE FCC APPLICATION FORM 605

The FCC version of the Form 605 may not be used for applications submitted to a VE team or a VEC since it does not request information needed by the administering VEs. The FCC Form 605 may, however, be used to routinely renew or modify your license without charge. It should be sent to the FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg PA 17325-7245.

CLUB STATION CALL SIGN ADMINISTRATORS (CSCSA)

The NCVEC Form 605 is also used for the processing of applications for Amateur Service club and military recreation station call signs and for the modification of RACES stations. No fee may be charged by an administrator for this service. The Club Station Call Sign Administrators are: ARRL/VEC (225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111), W4VEC (3504 Stonehurst Pl., High Point, NC 27265) and the W5YI-VEC (P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, TX 75356.) Please return this form to one of these three CSCSAs.

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**MARIN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
CANIDATE RECORD SHEET**

NAME _____
CALL _____
DATE _____
EXAM CITY _____

SECTION 1 APPLICANT		ORG.		DATE
PRINT LAST NAME	SUFFIX	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	STATION CALL SIGN (LEAVE BLANK IF NONE)
MAILING ADDRESS (Number and Street or PO Box)				EXAMINATION CITY
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE(9 digit)	DAYTIME PHONE Include Area Code	
EMAIL ADDRESS				NIGHT PHONE NUMBER Include Area Code
NEW EXAM	UPGRADE	NAME CHANGE	ADDRESS CHANGE	RENEWAL
SECTION 2 PROCESSING				DHS FUNDED <input type="checkbox"/>
Do not write below this line				

Retain 0 Form 605 Section 1 *Filled out and signed* FRN

RETURN 1 Photo ID or two other ID # #

Retain 2 Photocopy of License Call Class: N T G A E

RETURN 3 Check original license Exp Good 2 Years

RETURN 4 (C) Current CSCE (S) Make copies/submit Exp Date Exp Date

Retain 5 (CT) Tech prior to 3/21/87 Proof submitted Element 3

Info 6 (CL)Expired licence proof submitted General Advanced Extra

Collect 7 Taking class Tech Gen collect fee fee prepaid receipt

Collect 8 Test fee Amount _____ Cash Check Check #

Collect 9 Retest fee Amount _____ Cash Check Check #

Make checks payable to SMRS

SECTION 3 TEST													
Take Today	Class	Elem	Qualifiers expire date		First Test			VE Initial	Re Test			VE Initial	CSCE
			License	Certificate	Ver	Pass	Fail		Ver	Pass	Fail		
	T	2											
	G	3											
	E	4											

SECTION 4 REMARKS/NOTES

Liaison notice to VEC sent