

License Exams

Description

Amateur Radio Operator Licensing in the United States of America

Amateur (Ham) Radio is a [licensed service](#) regulated by the [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) Wireless Communications Bureau](#). An individual must be properly and currently licensed as an amateur radio operator (ham) in order to legally transmit on any frequency assigned for ham use in the United States of America. There are currently three levels of amateur radio licensing in the U.S.:

1. Technician Class
2. General Class
3. Amateur Extra Class

Licensing is progressive; an individual must take and pass the Technician Class test in order to take the General Class test, and must pass the General Class test in order to take the Amateur Extra Class test.

Testing is conducted by Volunteer Examiners (VEs) on behalf of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs). SLAARC has a number of members who are VEs and, as an ARRL affiliated club, administers exams under the jurisdiction of the [ARRL](#), which is one of the VECs.

SLAARC Testing Sessions

Appointment needed ... limited to 6 examinees, for appointment contact N8JS@arrl.net

- **Where:** Witch's Hat Depot | 300 Dorothy St. | South Lyon | Michigan | 48178
 - *scroll down for map*
- **When:** See session dates below
- **Time:** Please arrive at 9:30 AM local time for registration. Testing begins at 10:00 AM.
- **Cost:** There is a \$15 test fee per test session**. Cash or checks made out to ARRL.
- **FCC Fee:** FCC is now charging \$35 for new licensees, renewals or callsign changes.
 - ***This is paid direct to FCC we do not collect this fee.***
- **ID:** A picture ID and FRN are required.
- **Age Limit:** None
- **Other:** A working pen, pencil, and eraser. You may also bring a non-programmable calculator
 - you will be required to clear the memory

The FCC **no longer accepts Social Security Numbers** on Form 605 as identification. Examinees **must register** in the FCC CORES registration system and receive an Federal Registration Number (**FRN**) before exam day, which will be used for all license transactions with the FCC, including the FCC

NCVEC 605 Form. The FCC CORES system can be accessed here: [FCC Registration System](#)

2024 Sessions

January 27, 2024
February 24, 2024
March 23, 2024
April 27, 2024
May 25, 2024
June 29, 2024
July 27, 2024
August 24, 2024
September 21, 2024
October 26, 2024
November 30, 2024

****An individual can take more than one test per test session, but they must take and pass the tests in the required order or present the required proof of current licensure.**

Additional Requirements if upgrading to the next license class:

- Bring an original and a legible photocopy of your current FCC ARO license. The wallet version of the FCC license is acceptable.
- Bring copies of any C.S.C.E.'s. (Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination).

After the exam, you can check on the status of your license by going to the FCC License Search page <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchAmateur.jsp> entering your last name and state into the form, and clicking "Search." Generally new licenses or upgrades are posted within two weeks of the exam. When you see your name, make sure the spelling and address are correct.

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