

TIPS TO GET YOUR HAM RADIO LICENSE

First you must pass the Technician Exam (Element 2). This exam will be administered from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022. Make sure that you are practicing the questions with the exam date that applies to you.

Currently, the Technician Exam costs \$15. If you don't pass the first time, you'll need to pay \$15 each time you take it. You may retake the test up to three times in a single session, but there is an additional \$15 fee for each additional test.

The day you pass the Technician exam, you will have the option to try to pass the General Exam immediately afterward at no additional charge. If you pass the General Exam you can also take the Extra at no additional charge.

For information on the ARRL Amateur Radio Clubs to contact regarding test dates and locations, refer to <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session> and fill out "Find an Amateur Radio License Exam in Your Area" form.

STUDYING FOR YOUR RADIO EXAMS

BOOKS

Books to pass the FCC Amateur Radio Exams can be found online, at libraries and bookstores. Most people like to buy a Technician Book because it is a good introduction to the hobby and it contains all of the questions and answers for your Technician test in the back of it. Yes, you can read and study all of the exact test questions and answers in advance! Make sure that the book you buy, or borrow, will cover the latest version of the test you're taking. (There are some old books being sold that contain old material and old questions and answers. In addition to this, any revised or new material won't be in an outdated book.)

Most people buy the exam books from www.arrl.org The current book for the **Technician** exam is "ARRL Ham Radio License Manual 4th Edition." ISBN: 978-1-62595-087-1

The **General** Exam is going to be changed on July 1, 2019. It will contain new questions and answers. The new General Book is "The ARRL General Class License Manual for Ham Radio". ISBN: 978-1-62595-030-7 It contains all of the material you'll need to pass the exam dated from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

PRACTICE TESTS ONLINE

www.qrz.com/hamtest QRZ is a popular web site for hams. Register as a guest, then you can practice your test online and it will hold your scores. Their program will give you several random computer generated questions that will be on your test. You can take as many practice tests as you like. Here again, make sure that you are taking the latest test version which will include the date of your exam. (ex: Technician Class 2018 Pool)

www.arrl.org/examreview The ARRL has launched a new online resource that allows users to take randomly generated practice exams using questions from the actual examination question pool. [ARRL Exam Review for Ham Radio™](#) is *free*, and users do *not* need to be ARRL members. The only requirement is that users must first set up a site login (this is a different and separate login from your ARRL website user registration).

DOWNLOAD OR PRINT OFF QUESTION POOLS

<http://www.arrl.org/question-pools>

Go to the above web page and download or print off the question pools for your exam. Remember to print off or download the schematic drawings that will also be on your test.

Files containing the question pool are available in PDF (Portable Document Format), Microsoft Word .DOC format, and .TXT format. Three figures are used in the pool, and these are available as separate .jpeg and .pdf files.

Your exam will only include 35 questions, out of about 500. You will print off about 90 pages of questions which will cover EVERY QUESTION AND ANSWER possible.

HAM RADIO CLASSES ONLINE – HAM TEST ONLINE™

<https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/study.jsp>

Many people have chosen to study using this program. A 2-year subscription to the Technician course is \$24.95. They practically guarantee that you'll be successful after completing their program, and you have up to two years to study using it.

Go to this website and try their [free ham radio practice test for the Technician Exam](#). Create an account to save your question history in the database so you can come back later and continue where you left off. It's free. Their free ham radio practice test for the Technician Exam covers the electrical portion of the test; often the most difficult part to understand.

HAM RADIO LICENSE PREPARATION CLASSES THROUGH LOCAL RADIO CLUBS

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class>

ARRL can help you find an Amateur Radio license preparation class in your community. You can search their database for upcoming classes near you.

<http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club>

If you can't find a club at the above website, go to this club locator page to find an ARRL affiliated Amateur Radio Club in your area. You will need to contact them directly by using either the link provided to their website or contacting them by email or phone.

For the Sioux Empire Area in South Dakota, please contact the Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club (SEARC) at <http://www.w0zwy.org>. In addition to scheduling classes for new Hams on a "as requested basis", SEARC continues to offer testing for all license exams as long as there is at least ONE candidate committed to testing. Exam sessions are held by appointment the second Tuesday of every month at the Minnehaha County Emergency Management building, 608 N. Sigler Ave, Sioux Falls, SD. The Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club's monthly business meetings are open to anyone with an interest in amateur radio (hams and non-hams alike). They are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Minnehaha County Emergency Management building, 608 N. Sigler Ave, Sioux Falls, SD at 7:30 PM.

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