

# Learn about Ham Radio

## FCC Amateur Radio Test

The Technician Class license is your entry-level gateway to the world-wide excitement of Amateur Radio... and now you do NOT need to learn Morse code! You will be tested per the policies and procedures used by the Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) and the Federal Communication Commission Rules (FCC). The administering Volunteer Examiners will offer Technician license and any upgrade exam.

Technician Class - 1st Level License

General Class - 2nd Level (Need to have Technician Class license to take exam)

Amateur Extra Class - 3rd and Highest Level (Need General Class license to take exam)

You are only required to obtain the Technician Class license to become an amateur radio licensee. The other licenses may be desirable, however, as they authorize you to transmit on a wider range of radio frequencies.

## Next Exam - Saturday, December 9

9:30 AM at the KIUC Conference Room, 4463 Pahee Street in Lihue.

Please contact Elaine Albertson at [hamexams@kauaimail.net](mailto:hamexams@kauaimail.net) for information. Pre-registration is recommended, to insure that the correct testing materials are available for you.

Immediately following the exam, Tad Miura will be doing an Introductory to Amateur Radio class. The free class covers proper radio operation, equipment and safety. Also, the Kauai Amateur Radio Club will be offering new Baofeng handheld radios, which will come programmed with the Kauai radio frequencies, for sale at cost. (Approximately \$30.00 each)

## FCC License Exams on Kaua'i

KARC has a team of volunteer FCC license examiners, offering you the opportunity to get your ham radio license, or upgrade your existing license, at exam sessions on Kauai. Exams are offered about every three months.

Morse code is no longer a requirement to get a license. KARC no longer offers the day-long study session on exam day, but does instead offer free downloads for each of the FCC question pools which are used to study for exams. There are other suggestions for study aids as well.

## Register for the Exam

We no longer ask you to fill out a form. Please email **Elaine Albertson at [hamexams@kauaimail.net](mailto:hamexams@kauaimail.net)** providing your full legal name, call sign (if you already have one), contact phone, class of license you're wanting to sit for, and if you have any disability consideration which we may need to accommodate. Please advise us as soon as possible so we can make any necessary arrangements. You will receive a return e-mail with complete and specific instructions regarding the exam, cost (\$14 – paid on exam day, cash only), and location (it changes occasionally). Exams begin at 09:30 AM and takes about an hour, but there is no time limit. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

Also, please register on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) website to obtain a FCC Registration Number (FRN) at <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> Click on the REGISTER button. Please bring the FRN number with you to the test session.

### **Wireless Telecommunication Bureau Announces Addition Of Felony Question To FCC FORM 605**

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announced that FCC Form 605, Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services, has been revised in both paper and electronic form to ask whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony, a revision consistent with application forms for other Commission services.

### **Test Study Materials**

#### Computer Study

Find the Technician Class, General Class and Amateur Extra Class question pools here [ARRL Question Pools](#)

hamradiolicenseexam.com provides computer-mentored practice testing in a controlled online environment. It is received strong recommendations; cost is \$24.95 that they say is refundable if you don't pass your exam. Gordon West study guides and software via W5YI-VEC The less expensive packages are suggested for the newbie, as you likely won't have a need for a copy of the Part 97 Rules and other "add-ons" with the more expensive packages.

#### iPhone/iPad Study

[Tech](#)  
[General](#)  
[Extra](#)

#### Android Study

[Amateur Radio Exam 1.0 Pro](#)  
[Ham Test Prep](#)

#### Links

[Why Should You Get Your License](#)

### **Introductory to Amateur Radio Class**

An Introductory to Amateur Radio training is available for newly licensed amateur radio operators. The free 2 hour training covers the proper use of amateur radio, what the equipment cost, where to purchase it, frequencies, etiquette and safety.

Reservations are required. Contact Tad Miura at [ZSSQ@hotmail.com](mailto:ZSSQ@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending an Introductory to Amateur Radio class.

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