

ARRL the national association for AMATEUR RADIO



Public Service

Advocacy

Education

Technology

Membership

ARRL Update

July 14, 2018

Expanded HF Privileges for Technicians?

- ARRL has asked the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees
 - Limited phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz
 - RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters.
 - Maximum HF power level for Technician operators would remain at 200 W PEP
 - Novice licensees gain no new privileges
- Amateur Radio exists among many more modes of communication than 50 or even 20 years ago
- Now numbering some 378,000, Technicians more than half of the US Amateur Radio population
- With current Technician license as gateway to Amateur Radio, make it more attractive to newcomers
 - improve upon science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education
 - develop improved operating skills,
 - increase emergency communication participation
 - Improve technical self-training
- The Entry-Level License Committee determined that the current Technician class question pool already covers far more material than necessary for an entry-level exam to validate expanded privileges

Official Observer Program

- In 2016 FCC asked to help ARRL upgrade OO program
 - OOs will have larger role in FCC amateur radio Enforcement
 - All OOs, current and future will have to reapply and take new training and tests
- ARRL recently lifted moratorium on OO appointments
 - Caused by delays in FCC approving new program
- Last month, FCC finally presented Final Draft to ARRL
 - ARRL Board to review and hopefully approve at July Meeting

Ethics Code

- Despite much speculation and guessing on Internet, ARRL Ethics Code still applies only to Directors & HQ
- Several minor edits to Ethics Code and By-Laws proposed for July Board Meeting
 - Mostly typos like incorrect election dates
 - No substantive changes to current Code
- Code is mostly boilerplate from other non-profit, volunteer service organizations
- Does Not Apply to anyone in this room!

Upcoming Elections

- Western New York SM Ballots mailed July 2
 - Must be received at ARRL HQ on or before August 17th
 - New Term begins October 1, 2018
- Western Pennsylvania SM Ballots mailed October 1
 - Must be received at ARRL HQ on or before November 16
 - New Term begins January 1, 2019

ARRL the national association for AMATEUR RADIO



Public Service

Advocacy

Education

Technology

Membership