

Getting Your Ham Radio License



We want you to join us on the air as an amateur radio operator! To get started, you'll need to get your technician class amateur radio license. This is an entry level license that gives you many privileges on the ham frequencies for both local and long distance contacts. There are many great resources and on-line practice tests you can take to help you prepare. The test is multiple-choice and the question pool is published. Local classes are usually offered to help explain all the details and help answer your questions. Here's a list of resources we recommend:

Study

2014-2018 Technician Class by Gordon West
http://www.w5yi.org/catalog_details.php?pid=76&sort=4
 * Get it at their web site or from many other sellers on-line

The No-Nonsense Technician-Class License Study Guide (free)
<http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2014-no-nonsense-tech-study-guide-v20.pdf>

ARRL - Getting Your Technician License
<http://www.arrl.org/getting-your-technician-license>

ICOM - USA Amateur Radio Band Plan (frequencies and there common use)
<http://www.icomamerica.com/en/downloads/DownloadDetails.aspx?Document=331>



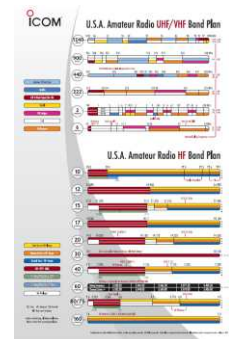
Classes are offered by area clubs from time to time. Check club web sites around your area. If you have questions, you can always contact the Wheaton Community Radio Amateur (WCRA) Club members at: wcra@w9ccu.org

Practice

On-Line Practice Exams
<https://www.qrz.com/hamtest/>

Android Marketplace - Amateur Radio Exams (free)
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cstructor.arexam&hl=en>

iPhone - Ham Radio Tech Test Prep (free)
<http://www.appannie.com/app/ios/ham-radio-tech-test-prep/>



Test

Testing is organized by local teams of volunteer examiners. Check with local clubs or the web site below. Note that most exams have a fee of \$10 to \$15 per test attempt. It's a good idea to email the organizers in advance to confirm the test session time.

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

Join

The WCRA Club monthly meetings are usually held on the first Friday of each month. Why not join us at an upcoming meeting? <http://www.w9ccu.org/meetings.htm>

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 e-mail: wcra@w9ccu.org
 web: www.W9CCU.org
 letter: WCRA, Box QSL
 Wheaton, IL 60187
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267873833946/>



If you are already a Ham, contact us on one of the repeaters:

- 145.31/144.71 MHz (107.2 or 103.5 Hz)
- 145.39/144.79 MHz (103.5 Hz)
- 224.14/222.54 MHz
- 444.475/449.475 MHz (114.8 Hz)

