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- Passed Tech Sept 2007
- Passed Gen Oct 2007
- Joined Benton County ARES April 2012
- Passed Extra April 2012
- Became a VE in June 2012

## What is Amateur Radio?

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Emergency Operation: Amateur radio are people and activities that are regulated and encouraged, in the US and abroad, that allow licensed individuals to play around with radio waves, electronics, software, techniques, practices, and equipment to do all sorts of really cool stuff. Radio Amateurs are some of the least restricted users of radio spectrum, and with that freedom they have proven time and time again their worth. The term Amateur refers to someone who does something as a pastime rather than a profession.

## Some useful tools

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Some things you may want to look into as useful for studying

- AA9PW practice exams http://aa9pw.com
- ARRL license Manuals http://www.arrl.org/shop/ Licensing-Education-and-Training/

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- Multiple Choice

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### International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

- Worldwide, treaty-based organization that allocates frequencies for specific uses.
- Primary Users first "rights" to a frequency
- Secondary Users permitted to use a frequency but must not interfere with a primary user
- World divided into 3 regions, US is in Region 2
- Creates "bands" sections of spectrum allocated for amateur radio use.

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#### Federal Comunications Commission (FCC)

- Promulgates rules for non-federal radio users within ITU spec
- Divides amateur bands into mode-specific sub-bands
- Rules for telecommunications are in the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 47
- Rules for amateur radio are in Part 97 of Chapter 47 (47 CFR 97)

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## Keyphrase

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Emergency Operations ...a voluntary noncommercial communications service...

This phrase sums up almost every rule and tenant of amateur radio.

## A voluntary noncommercial communications service

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Emergency Operations Noncommercial means no "pecuniary interest". It is illegal to profit from the use of amateur radio.

As with almost any rule there are exceptions"

- Teachers may use ham radio in the classroom as a teaching aid
- "Code practice" transmissions
- Disaster Drills

## More basic rules

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- No Music expect transmission or re-transmission of a signal from a space station
- No Broadcasting
- No commercial traffic
- No profanity
- No codes or ciphers intended to hid content
- No international third party traffic unless treaty-approved

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Emergenc Operation A license is valid for ten years, with a two year grace period. Upgrades don't count as renewals. Basic renewals are free! There are five classes.

- \*Novice
- Technician
- General
- \*Advanced
- Extra

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- Station
- Operator
- Club W7OSU, K7CVO, W1AW
- Special Event A7W

Clubs can get a "club callsign", and events can get an event callsign.

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- US callsigns start with A,K,N, or W
- The format is one or two letters, a number, and one to three letters.
- $\,\circ\,$  New callsigns are assigned in sequential order number indicates the region in the US
- Shorter callsigns are reserved for higher license classes
- 1X1 for special events only

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The control operator, who is designated by the station licensee, and determines the privileges of operation.

e.g. if you are at a radio that can operate outside your privileges, you still can only use what you are licensed to.

#### Your Callsign

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Emergency Operation A station must transmit it's callsign at least every ten minutes and at the end of every communication.

Special situations have special rules

- Control operator working outside of a station licensee privileges.
- Special event station control operator
- Control operator using new privileges prior to FCC database update

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Emergency Operations The ULS is an online database of FCC license information. A new licensee may use their privileges as soon as their information appears in the ULS. When you upgrade you may use your new privileges as soon as you pass the test.

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- Club at least four people, one of which accepts responsibility and is the "trustee".
- Space at least 50km above the surface.
- Beacon transmits a low-level signal for propagation studies
- Repeater retransmits a signal heard on one frequency on another frequency.
- Auxillary a secondary receiver that feeds a repeater station.

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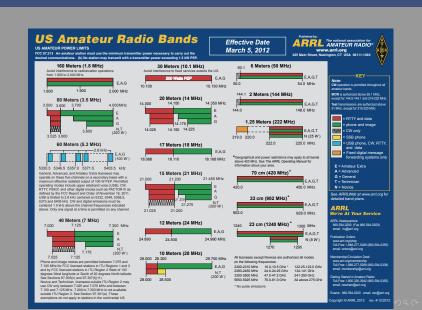
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- MF Medium Frequency 300KHz to 3MHz
- HF High Frequency 3MHz to 30 MHz
- VHF Very High Frequency 30MHz to 300MHz
- UHF Ultra High Frequency 300MHz to 3GHz
- SHF Super High Frequency 3GHz to 30GHz
- EFE Extremely High Frequency 30GHz to 300GHz
- THF Tremendously High Frequency 300GHZ to 3THz

#### HF 3-30MHz

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3.525-3.600MHz: CW Only

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• 7.025-.125MHz: CW Only

15 Meters

· 21.025-21.200MHz: CW Only

10 Meters

28.000-28.300MHz: CW, RTTY/Data 200 watts PEP max

28.300-28.500MHz: CW, Phone 200 watts PEP max

#### VHF 30-300MHz

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#### 6 Meters

- 50.0-50.1MHz CW Only
- 50.1-54.0MHz All modes
- 2 Meters
  - 144.0-144.1MHz CW Only
  - 144.1-148.0MHz All modes
- 1.25 Meters
  - 222.00-225.00MHz All modes

## UHF 300-3000MHz (3GHz)

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70 Centimeters

420.0-450.0MHz All Modes

33 Centimeters

o 902.0-928.0MHz All Modes

23 Centimeters

o 1240-1300MHz All Modes

• 2.4GHz

o 2.3-2.31GHz

2.39-2.45GHz \*

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We are PRIMARY users. We have first "rights". Secondary users must not cause us interference and must accept interference from our operations.

# SHF 3GHz-30GHz and up

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- o 3.3-3.5GHz
- o 5.65-5.925GHz
- o 10.0-10.5GHz
- 24.0-24.25GHz
- o 47.0-47.2GHz
- o 76.0-81.9GHz
- o 119.98-120.02GHz
- o 142-149GHz
- o 241-250GHz
- Everything above 300GHz

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T1A01 For whom is the Amateur Radio Service intended?

D. Persons who are interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest

T1A02 What agency regulates and enforces the rules for the Amateur Radio Service in the United States?

CC rules contains the rules and regulations governing the Amateur

T1A04 Which of the following meets the ECC definition of harmful interference?

C. That which seriously degrades, obstructs, or repeatedly interrupts a radio communication service operating in accordance with the Radio Regulations

T1A05 What is the ECC Part 97 definition of a space station?

D. Part 97

D. An amateur station located more than 50 km above the Earth's surface

T1A06 What is the FCC Part 97 definition of telecommand?

C. A one-way transmission to initiate, modify or terminate functions of a device at a distance

T1A07 What is the FCC Part 97 definition of telem

C. A one-way transmission of measurements at a distance from the measuring instrument

B. Frequency Coordinator

T1A09 Who selects a Frequency Coordinator?

C. Amateur operators in a local or regional area whose stations are eligible to be auxiliary or repeater stations

T1A10 What is the ECC Part 97 definition of an amateur station

A. A station in an Amateur Radio Service consisting of the apparatus necessary for carrying on radio communications

T1A11 Which of the following stations transmits signals over the air from a remotereceive site to a repeater for retransmission?

C. Auxiliary station

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T1B01 What is the ITU?

B. A United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues

T1B02 North American amateur stations are located in which ITU region?

B. Region 2

T1B03 Which frequency is within the 6 meter band?

B. 52.525 MHz

T1B04 Which amateur band are you using when your station is transmitting on 146.52MHz?

A. 2 meter band

T1B05 Which 70 cm frequency is authorized to a Technician Class license holder operating in ITU Region 3

C. 443.350 MHz

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1B06 Which 23 cm frequency is authorized to a Technician Class operator license?

B. 1296 MHz

T1B07 What amateur band are you using if you are transmitting on 223.50 MHz?

D. 1.25 meter band

T1B08 What do the FCC rules mean when an amateur frequency band is said to be available on a secondary basis?

C. Amateurs may not cause harmful interference to primary users

T1B09 Why should you not set your transmit frequency to be exactly at the edge of an amateur band or sub-band?

A. To allow for calibration error in the transmitter frequency display

B. So that modulation sidebands do not extend beyond the band edge

C. To allow for transmitter frequency drift

D. All of these choices are correct

T1B10 Which of the bands available to Technician Class operators have mode-restricted sub-bands?

C. The 6 meter, 2 meter, and 1.25 meter bands

 $T1B11\ What\ emission\ modes\ are\ permitted\ in\ the\ mode-restricted\ sub-bands\ at\ 50.0\ to\ 50.1\ MHz\ and\ 144.0\ to\ 144.1\ MHz$ 

A. CW only

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T1C01 Which type of call sign has a single letter in both the prefix and suffix?

C. Special event

T1C02 Which of the following is a valid US amateur radio station call sign?

B. W3ABC

T1C03 What types of international communications are permitted by an FCC-licensed amateur station?

 $\boldsymbol{A}.$  Communications incidental to the purposes of the amateur service and remarks of a personal character

T1C04 When are you allowed to operate your amateur station in a foreign country?

A. When the foreign country authorizes it

T1C05 What must you do if you are operating on the 23 cm band and learn that you are interfering with a radiolocation station outsi

A. Stop operating or take steps to eliminate the harmful interference

T1C06 From which of the following may an FCC-licensed amateur station transmit, in addition to places where the FCC regulates comm

D. From any vessel or craft located in international waters and documented or registered in the United States

T1C07 What may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the corre

B. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license

T1C08 What is the normal term for an FCC-issued primary station/operator license grant?

C. Ten years

T1C09 What is the grace period following the expiration of an amateur license within which the license may be renewed:

A. Two years

T1C10 How soon may you operate a transmitter on an amateur service frequency after you pass the examination required for your first a

C. As soon as your name and call sign appear in the FCC s ULS database

T1C11 If your license has expired and is still within the allowable grace period, may you continue to operate a transmitter on amateur ser

A. No, transmitting is not allowed until the ULS database shows that the license has been renewed

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A. Any country whose administration has notified the ITU that it objects to such communications

T1D02 On which of the following occasions may an FCC-licensed amateur station exchange messages with a U.S. military station

A. During an Armed Forces Day Communications Test

T1D03 When is the transmission of codes or ciphers allowed to hide the meaning of a message transmitted by an amateur station

C. Only when transmitting control commands to space stations or radio control craft

e only time an amateur station is authorized to transmit music?

 $A.\ When \ incidental\ to\ an\ authorized\ retransmission\ of\ manned\ spacecraft\ communications$ 

A. When the equipment is normally used in an amateur station and such activity is not conducted on

a regular basis

T1D06 Which of the following types of transmissions are prohibited?

A. Transmissions that contain obscene or indecent words or language

T1D08 When may the control operator of an amateur station receive compensation for operating the station?

B. When the communication is incidental to classroom instruction at an educational institution

A. Only where such communications directly relate to the immediate safety of human life or

protection of property

D. Transmissions intended for reception by the general public

T1D11 Which of the following types of communications are permitted in the Amateur Radio Service:

A. Brief transmissions to make station adjustments

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T1E01 When must an amateur station have a control operator?

A. Only when the station is transmitting

T1E02 Who is eligible to be the control operator of an amateur station?

D. Only a person for whom an amateur operator/primary station license grant appears in the FCC database or who is authorized for alien reciprocal operation

T1E03 Who must designate the station control operator?

A. The station licensee

T1E04 What determines the transmitting privileges of an amateur station?

D. The class of operator license held by the control operator

T1E05 What is an amateur station control point?

C. The location at which the control operator function is performed

T1E06 Under which of the following types of control is it permissible for the control operator to be at a location other than the contro

B. Automatic control

T1E07 When the control operator is not the station licensee, who is responsible for the proper operation of the station?

D. The control operator and the station licensee are equally responsible

1E08 What type of control is being used for a repeater when the control operator is not present at a control point?

C. Automatic control

T1E09 What type of control is being used when transmitting using a handheld radio?

D. Local control

T1E10 What type of control is used when the control operator is not at the station location but can indirectly manipulate the operating

B. Remote

T1E11 Who does the FCC presume to be the control operator of an amateur station, unless documentation to the contrary is in the sta

D. The station licensee

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A Tactical call

C. Every ten minutes

D. At least every 10 minutes during and at the end of a contact

C. The English language

B. Send the call sign using CW or phone emission

D. All of these choices are correct

D. It must not conflict with any other indicator specified by the FCC rules or with any call sign prefix assigned to another country

#### A. Never

C. Repeater station

A. The control operator of the originating station

A. Any station whose government permits such communications

B. At least 4

B. Any time upon request by an FCC representative

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