

Technician Class Rule Changes

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In December 2006, the FCC released two major revisions to the rules and regulations for the Amateur Service. These are known as Report & Order 04-140 and 05-235. Several important changes occurred for Technician licensees. For example, Technicians gained access to HF CW privileges. Information on all the changes is available on the ARRL Web site at:

www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html

www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt05-235/

The following sections of the Ham Radio License Manual will adopt the necessary changes as a result of those new rules. In the meantime, the following changes will help you learn the correct information.

Section I

Exam sessions - The FCC no longer requires VECs to make public announcements in advance of test sessions. However, the individual VECs may continue to do so as a condition of coordinating an exam session if they so choose. We recommend that you continue to use the ARRL Web exam session search facility at **www.arrl.org/examsearch** to find sessions.

Table 1-2: Technicians now have access to General Class CW privileges on 80, 40, and 15 meters, plus CW, RTTY, and Data from 28.000 - 28.300 MHz and Phone from 28.300 - 28.500 MHz.

Section V & VI

Table 5-1: Delete Element 1 from the Elements Required column for the General Class license.

Technician Plus - Gateway to HF (sidebar on page 5-12): Since Morse code testing has been dropped from the Amateur Service, Technicians now have access to General Class CW privileges on 80, 40, and 15 meters, plus CW, RTTY, and Data from 28.000 - 28.300 MHz and Phone from 28.300 - 28.500 MHz.

Table 5-5: See the ARRL Web site for the latest version of the frequency chart showing the amateur bands and segments. (**www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html**)