



## APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO PERMIT (IARP) US Citizens Only

**This form serves as the application for US Citizens to obtain an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) to allow US Citizens instant Amateur Radio Operating permission in participating Central or South American Countries.**

**Background.** The FCC and US State Department now authorize Amateur-Radio-licensed citizens of certain countries in the Americas to operate Amateur Stations while on short visits in the United States (US), likewise now citizens of the United States may now operate Amateur Stations in certain countries within the Americas while on short visits abroad. Tourists, attendees at conferences, students and visiting professors, for example, will benefit from having a convenient procedure available whereby they could operate their amateur stations while here in the United States. Additionally, United States citizens who travel in the Americas for short visits will now similarly benefit. These arrangements now make it easier for US amateur operators to operate stations temporarily in several Central and South American countries. For additional information on International Operating or for specific country by country details, please refer to the ARRL Web <http://www.arrl.org/international-operating>.

**International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP).** The Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit AG/doc.3216/95 (CITEL/Amateur Convention) allows visitors to operate stations temporarily in other countries of the Americas. The August 21-25, 1995, meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radio Communications adopted a resolution submitted by the US urging members to sign the CITEL/Amateur Convention. Participation in the CITEL/Amateur Convention allows US citizens to operate amateur stations in ten countries within CITEL, a component of the Organization of American States. Under the CITEL/Amateur Convention, US amateur operators with an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) have reciprocal operating privileges for one year, or until their FCC license expires, whichever occurs first. A new permit must be obtained each year for IARP operations abroad. For a United States citizen to operate an amateur station in a CITEL country, an International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) is necessary. According to the CITEL Agreement, the IARP may be issued by a member-society of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)--for the US, the IARU member society is the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL). The permit describes its authority in four different languages. The FCC presently recognizes the ARRL as the issuing body for such permits. The ARRL offers this service to US citizens for their use when they travel to CITEL countries. The ARRL provides this service on a non-discriminatory basis, at no expense to the United States Government.

**Classes of License or Permit.** There are two classes of IARPs. **Class 1** requires knowledge of the international Morse code and carries all operating privileges. Technician, General, Advanced or Extra class US licensees proficient in Morse code qualify for Class 1. CITEL has not issued directives on what is required to prove competence. Be prepared, if asked, to demonstrate Morse code proficiency. For foreign amateurs, Class 1 is equivalent to our current Amateur Extra Class. **Class 2** does not require knowledge of telegraphy and carries all operating privileges above 30 MHz. US licensees not proficient in Morse code qualify for Class 2. There is no equivalent Class description for the US Novice license; therefore the US Novice license is not eligible.

**IARP Station Identification.** When the station is transmitting under the authority of an IARP, an indicator consisting of the appropriate letter-numeral designating the station location must be included before, after, or both before and after the call sign issued to the station by the licensing country. At least once during each intercommunication, the identification announcement must include the geographical location as nearly as possible to the city and state, commonwealth or possession of the station operation. An example of station identification under IARP by a US Amateur Operator while traveling in or near Lima Peru might be, "this is OA1/W1XYZ, near Lima Peru". Or on CW, "de OA1/W1XYZ nr Lima Peru".

**Facilitator.** The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) will provide these services on a non-discriminatory basis, at no expense to the United States Government. A processing fee (US Dollars) is charged by ARRL to cover IARP permits/authority creation and delivery to applicants. For international or rush/courier delivery additional shipping fees will apply (street addresses only).

**Application.** Permit will be issued upon receipt of a completed and signed application, along with a photocopy of the applicant's US FCC Amateur license, a copy of the applicant's legal photo-ID and a 1.5 by 1.5 inch color or black/white Passport size photo of the applicant (to be affixed to permit), and the application fee (payable by check or money order to "ARRL VEC", or by credit card).

**Submit applications and supporting documents to:  
ARRL - VEC Department, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 USA**

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