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## DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

- ❖ The ARRL VEC program began in July 1984, after the FCC stopped testing at FCC Field Offices (in 1983 they created the VEC system). ARRL VEC has over 30 years of Service to Radio Amateurs, operating as a knowledgeable information source for a wide-range of licensing issues.
- ❖ Today, the ARRL VEC is the largest of the 14 VECs, representing more than 70% of all exams given (at one point there were more than 25 VECs). Exam applicants can search for Amateur Radio Test Locations in their area at **[www.arrl.org/exam](http://www.arrl.org/exam)**.
- ❖ The ARRL VEC has 6 staff members ready to serve you. Manager is Maria Somma, AB1FM, Assistant Manager is Amanda Grimaldi, N1NHL, and service representatives are Lisa Riendeau, Stephanie Borden, W2MAU, Josh Nance, and Ann Brinius.
- ❖ Stats include more than 25,000 accredited Volunteer Examiners, holding more than 7,000 exams per year, serving nearly 35,000 examinees per year.
- ❖ In the last 30 years over 160,000 Exam Sessions have been conducted, more than 1.5 million Exam Elements have been given and over one million persons have been served (includes initial and upgrade applications and license modifications and renewals).
- ❖ Volunteer Examiners (VEs) are accredited by the ARRL VEC obtaining training and ongoing guidance from our online VE Manual found at **[www.arrl.org/ve-manual](http://www.arrl.org/ve-manual)**, as well as by phone or email.
- ❖ The Volunteer Examiner section (**[www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners](http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners)**) of the ARRL website offers information and resources for VEs and candidates.
- ❖ The VE Resources page (**[www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves](http://www.arrl.org/resources-for-ves)**) supports and assists VEs in one easy to access location, providing exam session documents, FCC rules and regulations, and additional information and clarification on exam session related topics.
- ❖ The ARRL VEC Department is also a primary provider for:
  - Club Station License (Club Call Sign) rules and information (visit **[www.arrl.org/club-call-signs](http://www.arrl.org/club-call-signs)** for the application form and procedures).
  - Vanity Call signs (visit **[www.arrl.org/vanity-call-signs](http://www.arrl.org/vanity-call-signs)** for the forms and procedures). We can only serve in an advisory capacity in this activity, as the application must be submitted directly to FCC.
  - 1x1 Special Event call signs (visit **[www.arrl.org/special-event-call-signs](http://www.arrl.org/special-event-call-signs)** for the rules and procedures).
  - International Amateur Radio Permit – IARP - a subject also supported by the Regulatory Information Staff (find the application form and procedures at **[www.arrl.org/international-operating](http://www.arrl.org/international-operating)** and **[www.arrl.org/iarp](http://www.arrl.org/iarp)**).
  - ARRL Member (or non member with accompanying fee) FCC license updates and renewals (visit **[www.arrl.org/605-instructions](http://www.arrl.org/605-instructions)** for the application form and procedures).
  - Question Pool Committee Support – ARRL serves as one of the primary members of the National Conference of VECs Question Pool Committee (visit **[www.arrl.org/question-pools](http://www.arrl.org/question-pools)** for the current pools and information).

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