

# Yakima Amateur Radio Club

## Help for Any One that's trying to get a Ham license

### Get Your Amateur Radio Technician License

Yakima Amateur Radio Club recommends prospective hams consider studying and learning the material themselves. Most technician hams get their license by studying on their own. There is a lot of material designed for self study as well as online practice exams.

This most likely will hasten the time to obtain your ham license. There are several reasons.

1. You can start now by getting your materials and then take the VE test when you are ready.
2. You can study at your own pace with no need to wait for a formal training class.
3. Lastly, there are a lot of online training programs.

There are 35 questions taken from a pool of questions (which are published and we study from!) You must get 26 (approximately 75%) of the questions correct. There is no penalty for guessing at an answer; do not leave an answer blank! Then attend a Volunteer Examination (VE) session to obtain your license.



The question pool is changed every 4 years. So make sure your study materials consist of the current pool questions. <http://www.arrl.org/tech-question-pool>

Order your study materials.

There are two sources for this material: The "American Radio Relay League (ARRL) License Manual (Revised 2nd Edition)" which provides tutorial and background information for the exam. It contains the entire publicly published question pool.

The License Manual can be ordered directly from the ARRL (info at end of page) or via Amazon. Another source is Ham Radio Outlet (HRO), in Tigard, OR. They provide one day service to the Yakima area via UPS. Another study guide is the "Technician Class" by Gordon West. This also is available at Amazon.

1. Study your material using a method best for you. After finishing a chapter, go to the back of the manual and review each question in the Question Pool. Cover the answers or fold the edge of the page containing the answers down so as not to be tempted to peek at an answer. If you miss a question or have concerns about that question use the page reference associated with that question to quickly return to the area that discusses that point. There are 396 questions in the Tech question pool, so memorizing the answers might be difficult. It is best to understand the material; the correct answer will follow. Once you feel comfortable with the study material and the question pool it is time to take a practice exam.

2. Take a practice exam. If your book has a CD you can use it to administer a realistic VE test. A better way might be to try one of several online web based practice exam sites. Try the one that works best for you. Some sites tell you right away if your answer is wrong, others make you finish the test and then evaluate you. A list of web sites is at the end of this article. Once you feel comfortable with the material and are getting good scores say, about 80% correct each time you take the test, it is time to take the VE test.

3. Take the VE test. There are several locations, Yakima, Ellensburg, Tri-Cities and just about any weekend you can find a VE session.

Good luck!

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### Resources;

Order a License Manual

<http://www.arrl.org> **American Radio Relay League** (ARRL), 225 Main St.;  
Newington, Ct. 06111; Tel: 860/594-0200!

### Next day service via UPS

**Ham Radio Outlet** <http://www.hamradio.com/>

**Amateur Electronic Supply** Las Vegas <http://www.aesham.com> 800/558-0411

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=tech+licence+ham](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=tech+licence+ham)



(complete study materials and practice exam \$\$\$ fee required)

<http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com>

### Practice Exams

(make sure they are using the current question pool)

**Ham Study** Study lessons/ flash cards/ tests/ <https://hamstudy.org/>

Sign up / no charge / page keeps track of your missed questions and questions you get right.

**QRZ web page** <http://www.qrz.com/hamtest/>

(download question program to your computer)

<http://www.n3fjp.com/amateurstudy.html>

### VE test sites

**Find an Amateur Radio License Exam Session**

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

<http://www.hamfesters.org/main/ve-testing/>

### Related References

**Why should I get licensed?**

<http://www.arrl.org/getting-license>

<http://www.arrl.org/getting-your-technician-license>



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