ARRL/VEC Amateur Radio Testing Exam Sessions, Rockdale, TX

We test for all elements at our ARRL/VEC examinations in Rockdale, Texas. You do not need to inform us in advance of the testing, just be at the testing location at the time listed, 10:00 a.m. The processing and exams will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so please come at least 15 minutes early. Bring one form of identification with your picture embedded, e.g., Driver's License, Passport, School ID, etc., and one other form of ID with your name embossed or embedded in it such as any credit card. The test fee is currently \$15.00 in cash or we will take a check made out to **ARRL/VEC**.

If you are upgrading an existing license you will need to bring one of the two original licenses issued to you (either the wallet-sized one or the one "suitable for framing" if it was issued to you before the FCC went paperless). If you do not have a paper license mailed to you by the FCC, read the PDF entitled FCC Goes Paperless, then obtain or print out an "Official Copy" of your license and bring it to the test session, https://www.fcc.gov/how-obtain-official-authorizations-uls. Note: If you have a pop-up blocker activated on your computer, you must turn it off to print out an "Official Copy" of your license from the FCC Web Site.

You may also bring the original CSCE from your previous exam as proof of passing your previous license exam. It is OK for you to bring a calculator if you clear all memories (if it has memory capability) prior to bringing it to the test session. You will need to demonstrate that all memories have been cleared if one of the Volunteer Examiners asks you to do so. You <u>may not</u> use a calculator application on your cell phone or activate your cell phone for any reason during the test session. You may do any calculations necessary by hand on the back of the answer sheet.

You may fill out the application form in advance of the test date on NCVEC Form 605. This is the latest revision of the form and it supersedes all previous versions. We highly recommend that you carefully read the form and the instructions on page 2 (the back side of the form) then electronically type in your information, print out the completed form and bring it to the test session. Otherwise, we will have blank forms that you can complete on-site. Bring a ballpoint pen with black ink to sign your form. The ARRL/VEC office will use your completed form to process your license and they actually prefer that you fill it in and print it out on your computer to avoid the problem of them misreading forms filled in by hand.

If you already have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) issued to you, <u>you must use that number</u> and not your Social Security Number on the application form. The FRN is printed on your existing license. If you are starting with the Technician Class licensing exam and you have no other FCC licenses already, you may register in advance for an FRN if you want to keep your SSN private. Read the attached PDF entitled <u>FCC Goes Paperless</u> regardless of whether or not you already have a paper license mailed to you at a time before the FCC went "paperless." We will be testing a maximum of 13 candidates at a time due to COVID-19 restrictions, but as soon as one test applicant is finished, we will be bringing in the next applicant. Candidates will be put on a list and called their order of arrival.

Masks will be mandatory, and gloves will be provided as well as hand sanitizer.

The Session VEC will be the only person handing out the exams and retrieving them for grading by the Volunteer Examiners. Once each Test Applicant is in the building, they will be assigned a seat <u>and will remain there</u> until they leave.

All exams will be held at:

MARC Center, 1705 Pecos Ave, Rockdale, TX 76567

Exam Dates for 2020-2021

October 3rd December 5th February 6th April 3rd

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