

The FCC has revised the Amateur Service Part 97 rules to grant written examination element credit to holders of expired General, Advanced and Extra licenses. The new rules become effective 30 days after their publication in *The Federal Register*, which was Monday July 21, 2014.

Expired General, Advanced and Extra class licenses with proper proof of the expired license need to only pass element 2 (Technician) to get there previous license class back. The FCC requires former licensees — those falling outside the 2-year grace period — to pass Element 2 (Technician) in order to be relicensed.

ELEMENT CREDIT TABLE effective Aug 21, 2014			
License Class	Element Credit Given	Exam to Pass	License Earned
Expired Novice	none	Element 2	Technician
Current Novice	none	Element 2	Technician
Expired Technician issued 3/21/1987 or LATER	none	Element 2	Technician
Expired Technician issued BEFORE 3/21/1987	Element 3	Element 2	General
Current Technician issued 3/21/1987 or LATER	none	Element 3	General
Current Technician issued BEFORE 3/21/1987	Element 3	none	General
Current Technician with old expired General	Elements 2 and 3	none	General
Current Technician with old expired Advanced	Elements 2 and 3	none	General
Current Technician with old expired Extra	Elements 2, 3 and 4	none	Extra
<u>Expired General</u>	<u>Element 3</u>	<u>Element 2</u>	<u>General</u>
Current General	Elements 2 and 3	Element 4	Extra
<u>Expired Advanced</u>	<u>Element 3</u>	<u>Element 2</u>	<u>General</u>
Current Advanced	Elements 2 and 3	Element 4	Extra
<u>Expired Extra</u>	<u>Elements 3 and 4</u>	<u>Element 2</u>	<u>Extra</u>

Valid Forms of Exam Element Credit for Expired Licenses-

At a test session, the VEs will review all credit documents presented by applicants.

Persons who hold an expired General or Advanced license receive General written exam (Element 3) credit per FCC Rules. Persons who hold an expired Extra license receive General (Element 3) and Extra (Element 4) written exam credit per FCC Rules.

This can be verified if an applicant presents any of the following:

-- Per FCC Rule 97.505(a), an original or copy of an original expired FCC issued General, Advanced or Extra license as indicated on the license.

-- A REFERENCE COPY of the license printed from the FCC ULS license database or FCC archive database located on the FCC website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>.

-- If licensed in the mid-'70s or after, FCC will issue a 'License Verification Letter' indicating that the applicant was licensed. The FCC stated any requests for verification must be submitted in writing to: FCC, ATTN: Amateur Section, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The request must include name, address, telephone number, date of birth, call sign issued at that time, and when the license was granted (if exact date is not known, give the approximate timeframe). The FCC asks those inquiring to include *any* information that may be helpful in researching these requests, but it does *not* need to know details of the examination session, such as where the test was administered or who gave it. "These requests must be researched on microfiche, so they will be very time-consuming," an FCC spokesperson said, adding that no one should expect an overnight response.

-- For 1966 or more recent records, the FCC's research retrieval service contractor, Best Copy & Printing, Inc. (BCPI), will obtain the General, Advanced or Extra license certification from FCC records. There is a charge for this service. For assistance in purchasing copies of FCC documents, please contact BCPI directly. Phone: 202-488-5300 or 1-800-378-3160. TTY: 202-488-5562. Fax: 202-488-5563. Email: fcc@bcpiweb.com. Web: http://www.bcpiweb.com/fcc_research.php.

-- A 1967 Edition, or later, Radio Amateur Callbook listing is acceptable as proof provided the 'G' (General), 'A' (Advanced) or 'E' (Extra) license class appears on the page next to the call sign listing. Only Callbooks issued Fall 1967 or later will show the license class. Be sure to copy the year of publication reference, if not printed on the page.