

APPENDIX A

License Timetable

Year # hams Licensing changes

2016	742,787	
2015	735,405	
2014	726,275	FCC (12-283) exam credits, remote exams
2013	717,201	
2012	709,575	
2011	702,056	FCC (09-209) issues new vanity and club callsign rules
2010	696,041	
2009	682,497	
2008	663,564	
2007	655,842	
2006	656,068	FCC (04-140) 80/40/15m SSB expansion, N/T get Gen CW on 80/40/15; N/T get 28-28.3 CW/digital; FCC (05-235) drops Morse Code requirement
2005	662,600	
2004	671,837	FCC (03-104/04-37) BPL approved; ARRL (RM-10867) proposes new entry level license
2003	684,059	ITU drops Morse Code requirement; FCC (02-98) grants access to 5 MHz;
2002	685,308	ARRL Novice refarming proposal RM-10413
2001	683,037	Club licenses now handled through VECs, FCC CORES license admin system established
2000	682,240	
1999	677,392	FCC (98-143) Restructuring. Licenses for Novice/TechnicianPlus/Advanced no longer issued, 20wpm Morse eliminated, General/Extra now 5wpm
1998	673,823	PSK-31 starts; US joins CEPT for international licensing
1997	676,506	FCC (95-57) RF safety questions(5 ea) added to Question Pools, 1x1 callsign program started; FCC license renewal online w/ULS
1996	711,759	FCC (93-62) new RF safety rules; VECs can now handle and send renewals, modifications, changes to FCC
1995	705,994	FCC (93-305) new vanity callsign program; FCC (94-59) new rules for digital modes; FCC (94-40) access to 219-220
1994	671,489	FCC (93-267) instant licensing after VE pass; VECs can send exam info to FCC electronically
1993	634,017	FCC (92-154) Novice exam added to VEC program FCC (93-62) RF safety rules
1992	590,088	
1991	545,548	FCC (90-55) splits Technician into Technician(no Morse Code) and TechnicianPlus
1990	502,677	
1989		FCC (88-467) Access to 18 Mhz; FCC (PRB-3) declines to est privatized callsign program; FCC rewrites Part 97; ARRL proposes Communicator no code license (RM-6995)
1988		FCC (87-14) removes 220-222
1987		FCC (86-161)Novice enhancement. Technician/General split into two 25 questions exams, Novice/Technician get 28.3-28.5 SSB access; FCC (85-196rev) requires one QP
1986		FCC (85-196) turns Question Pools over to VECs; FCC (85-22) rules on repeater coordination
1985	415,856	FCC (84-960) grants access to 24 and 902 mhz bands; ARRL (RM-5038) files for Novice enhancement; FCC (85-87) sat dish pre-emption (OTARD); FCC (PRB-1) pre-emption
1984		FCC (83-28) FCC proposes and drops CW elimination; ARRL joins FCC VEC program, FCC (82-83) HF phone bands expanded; FCC (83-337) licenses all 10-year now
1983		FCC (83-27) VEC program established; FCC (82-624) power limit now 1500w out; Congress passes bill allowing VEC reimbursement
1982		FCC (82-727) Novice exam process revised; Access to 10 Mhz granted
1981		
1980	393,353	FCC (80-739) implements some WARC-79 decisions
1979		Packet radio starts
1978	350,000	Novice now 5-years and renewable, Technicians get full access 50 Mhz and up, new callsign system
1977		Novices can run 250w, Conditional license eliminated
1976		
1975	260,091	
1974		
1973		
1972		Expanded Technician access to 2m, Novices can use VFO, HF phone band expanded
1971		
1970	263,918	Initial buildup of 2m FM repeaters
1969		ARRL proposes ful VHF for Techs, plus 10m and Novice CW

1968 SSTV authorized
 1967 Novices lose 2m, now 2-year license
 1966
 1965 260,301 Novice changed to two years?
 1964 Incentive licensing implemented
 1963 63-67 - Incentive licensing debate
 1962
 1961 First Oscar satellite
 1960 230,000
 1959
 1958 Access to 11m withdrawn, new CB license created
 1957
 1956
 1955 150,000 SSB promoted over AM for HF voice; Technician gets 6m; 160m access
 1954
 1953 Novices get access to 40m
 1952 Major changes in rules; new 15m band, voice allowed on 40m
 1951 Licenses A B C turned into Novice Technician Conditional Advanced Extra; Novice is 1-year (80m, 11m, 2m)
 1950 87,000
 1949
 1948
 1947 Hams lose 29.7-30 and 14.350 to 14.400
 1946 5 and 2.5 meters changed to 6 and 2 meters
 1945 60,000 Ham radio back after WW2
 1944
 1943
 1942
 1941
 1940 56,000 WW2 restrictions on ham radio start
 1939
 1938 New bands - 2.5m 1.25m
 1937
 1936 46,850
 1935 45,000 FM defined by Armstrong, ARES started
 1934 FCC established (replaces FRC)
 1933 Field Day started, FRC requires hams to be tested in person; license name changed to A B C
 1932 Amateur First Class (replaced Amateur Class)
 1931
 1930 19,000
 1929 16,829
 1928
 1927 Federal Radio Commission established; Amateur Class (renamed from Amateur First Grade) Temporary Amateur (was Amateur Second Grade); international prefixes defined
 1926
 1925 16,500 IARU established
 1924 New bands - 80 40 20 and 5m
 1923 14,000 Extra Class license created; CW becoming dominant over sparkgap
 1922
 1921
 1920
 1919 WW1 restrictions end
 1918
 1917 6,000 WW1 restrictions start
 1916

1915
 1914 1,200 ARRL established
 1913
 1912 Licensing starts under Dept of Commerce; Amateur First and Second Grade
 1911
 1910
 1909 First radio clubs started
 1908
 1907 Deforest - triode
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 1904 Fleming - vacuum tube
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 1902
 1901 Marconi - signals cross Atlantic
 1900

