

FISTS Code Crusade Page

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The ARRL has announced they will submit a proposal to the FCC. This proposal essentially includes:

- *A three-tiered licensing structure, two of which permit HF access without a Morse code test
- *Retention of the 5 WPM Morse code test for Extra
- *Making Technician licensees General class, whether or not they passed a Morse code exam.
- *Making Advanced class licensees Extra class.

As far as we know the exact wording of the actual proposal has not been written, but you can read the full text of the ARRL's announcement at the web page:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/01/19/1/?nc=1>

The FCC may not even assign an RM number to this new ARRL proposal. They are not required to do so, and have not acted on some previous ARRL proposals.

However, if it is brought up for comment before the FCC, we will have comment instructions posted here.

A petition has been submitted to the FCC on behalf of FISTS, based on the comments received on the blue postcards. Here it is in .pdf format . . . See "FIST FCC Petition 8-30-303.pdf" in the Archive Folder

UPDATE: RM Number Assigned - RM-10811 See "Code Crusade RM Number.pdf" in the Archive Folder

[FCC Invites Comments on Six Morse Code-Related Petitions](#) is an article on ARRL's page with information on and links to the current petitions filed, as well as a link to where and how to file your own comments.

A link to a recorded interview Nancy WZ8C had with Hap Holly for the R.A.I.N. Report about retaining the code requirement.

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["Why we should retain a Morse code requirement for the unrestricted amateur license"](#)

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