



ECC Recommendation (14)05

Amateur Radio Licence Examinations for Persons with
Disabilities

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INTRODUCTION

Several administrations of CEPT member countries have adopted practices to adapt amateur radio licence examinations to the specific needs of candidates with disabilities, hereby recognising the importance of amateur radio as an instrument of self-training and integration of disabled persons into society. The Recommendation provides an open framework for administrations to define and introduce practices facilitating the access of persons with disabilities to licence examinations for the amateur radio service.

ECC RECOMMENDATION 14(05) OF 10 OCTOBER 2014 ON AMATEUR RADIO LICENCE EXAMINATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

“The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering

- a) that the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service are radiocommunication services according to Article 1 of the ITU Radio Regulations and governed by other provisions of the ITU Radio Regulations as well as national regulations;
- b) that the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service are radiocommunication services for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by amateurs, that is, by duly authorised persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest;
- c) that for persons with disabilities, participating in the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service is not only an important means of technical self-qualification by setting and achieving goals, but also a way of integration into society by communicating with other persons of like interests;
- d) that administrations are responsible, in accordance with Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regulations to verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station;
- e) that for persons with disabilities amateur radio licence examinations designed for non-disabled candidates can prove to be a significant impediment in obtaining the necessary qualifications to operate a station in the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service and can discourage potential candidates from taking the examination;
- f) that in a number of countries courses are being offered by amateur radio organisations on the local or national level to prepare persons with disabilities for licence examinations;
- g) that the international organisations representing amateur radio service licensees actively support measures to facilitate the access of people with disabilities to the amateur service and the amateur-satellite service;
- h) that several administrations have put in place testing procedures for disabled candidates for an amateur radio licence taking into account their individual impairment;
- i) that the scope and depth of the examination syllabus for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) is not to be affected by testing procedures for candidates with disabilities.

recommends

1. that administrations develop and put into effect amateur radio examination procedures for candidates with disabilities, the examination syllabus being identical to the syllabus for candidates with no disabilities;
2. that these procedures take into account the individual disability of candidates as confirmed by an official document;
3. that administrations allow candidates with disabilities to be tested individually where appropriate and/or given reasonable additional examination time;
4. that visually impaired and blind candidates are offered diagram-free questions which are read out for them and their answers noted by an examiner or an assistant. Where possible the alternative of questions in Braille can be considered;
5. that administrations provide for examinations to be conducted in the home of candidates with severely limited mobility;

6. that administrations adapt examination procedures for cases not mentioned in this Recommendation accordingly;
7. that this Recommendation shall not imply an obligation for administrations to reimburse volunteer examiners for testing candidates with disabilities."