

How Do I Become a Ham Radio Operator?

1. There are a few basic requirements:
 - a. Must have a valid US Mailing Address
 - b. Must have a valid Taxpayer ID number, such as a Social Security Number (SSN)
 - c. You will need to get an FCC Registration Number or (FRN) – No big deal. Get it from the FCC web site.
2. Choose the Level of License you want. Each level comes with privileges and limitations. Most people get the Technician License first and then upgrade to a higher level.
3. Study for the Exam. There are study books with sample tests and answers and there are online study courses available including mobile Apps. There are lots of resources such as online classes and YouTube has got some really good videos that do a good job of explaining things.
4. Take your EXAM when you are ready. There are only 35 questions for the Technician and General exams. Here in the Tri-Cities area, we are fortunate to have in-person testing every other month and there are also online testing options.
5. After passing your test, your call sign will be issued quickly and you can get on the air.