

Extra “Read Me First” Introduction

After you have passed the Technician and General exams, you can upgrade to Extra class. You must have already passed the exams for Element 2 (Technician) and Element 3 (General).

Here’s a little info about how the Extra exam works:

- The Extra Exam will have 50 questions taken from a fixed question pool of about 800.
- The questions are grouped into Elements and Sub-Elements, and one question is drawn from each Sub-Element to create an exam.
- You must answer 37 of the 50 correctly for a passing score (74%).
- All questions are multiple-choice (A, B, C, or D).
- The questions on the test must be taken, letter for letter, from the approved VEC question pool that can be found at <http://ncvec.org/>
- The questions may not be altered, except for rotation of the correct answer between A), B), C), and D) and minor typographical corrections.

We strongly recommend that you read through the Question/Answer notes in the Extra Question Pool file. This file has each question from the pool with the correct answer in bold. The purpose is to allow you to become familiar with each question and its correct answer.

Caution: Reading this document may cause drowsiness.

There are many good on- and off-line resources to drill the question pool and/or take practice exams. In Drill mode, you answer each question in a sub-element of the question pool. If you make an error, the tool tells you the correct answer, then places the question back into the list, until all questions in that review segment are answered correctly. In test mode, the tool prepares a random exam, administers it to you, and gives you your score.

Among the good resources out there are:

1. Websites such as <http://aa9pw.com> and <http://www.qrz.com/exams> for free tests
2. Websites such as <http://ham.study> which has good study materials.
3. Apps such as the Ham Study app which costs a nominal fee and has good study materials.
4. KB5NU study guides at <https://www.kb6nu.com/study-guides/>

Take several practice tests. This will help build your confidence in the testing process.

If you do not know the answer, make your best guess. If you select the correct answer, the drill/test tool will go to the next question. If you select an incorrect answer, it should high-light the correct answer and wait for you to select it. Read the Correct answer twice, then, select it.

If you feel ready before class, seek a local exam. You can find local test information at <http://www.sandarc.net/> . There are also several online testing groups, including <http://glaarg.org>

If you have any questions, contact the instructor and/or the person managing the roster for your class.
Good Luck!

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