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FCC Suspends Semi-Annual Testing For Commercial Radio Operator Licenses And Establishes Interim Testing Procedures

In the past, the Commission has offered Commercial Radio Operator examinations on a regularly scheduled basis in cities where it has field offices. For the past several years, it has scheduled examinations only twice a year, usually in February and August. The Commission has also given examinations at other times when a license was required by Commission Rules for employment.

Because of budgetary constraints and the Commission's recent decision in FO Docket No. 92-206 to privatize the administration of examinations for commercial radio operator licenses, the Commission is suspending its regularly scheduled February Commercial Radio Operator testing sessions. Effective this date, the Commission will no longer accept applications to take a commercial radio operator examination. All such applications filed after today will be returned. A special interim procedure will be established for individuals who, by Commission Rule, must have a Commercial Radio Operator License for employment. These individuals may file a request with the Engineer-in-Charge (EIC) of one of the Commission's field offices for permission to apply for a special examination. In order to qualify for this special interim procedure, the individual must have a letter from an employer stating that he or she is already, or will be employed in a particular position where Commission Rules require a license, or present adequate evidence of self employment in a position where Commission Rules require a Commercial Radio Operator License. If the EIC determines that an individual qualifies to take the special examination, he or she will notify the individual that he or she may file an application to the Mellon Bank using a special fee code to be provided by the EIC. The field office will then administer and grade the special examination.

Although no February examination session was scheduled this year, approximately 1800 applications have already been filed in anticipation of such a session. To satisfy these requests and minimize Commission expenditures, the Commission has adopted a one-time interim procedure. The Commission's Field Operations Bureau (FOB) will mail out within ten days an examination package to those individuals with an application filed on or before the date of this Public Notice. The package will include an instruction sheet, a sealed copy of the requested examination, a blank answer sheet, a certification sheet, and a return self-addressed envelope. The applicant must take the sealed examination to a commercial operator licensee with an equal or higher class license than that sought and complete the examination before the licensee. The licensee must sign the certification sheet that the examination was opened in

his or her presence and taken in his or her presence without the assistance of study guides or other aids. The licensee must then mail the completed answer sheet along with the certification sheet and the examination back to the Commission so it is received within 60 days of the date of this Public Notice. Those not received by this date will be dismissed without a fee refund.

This one-time interim procedure applies only to requests for written examinations for new commercial radiotelephone operator licenses received before the date of this Public Notice. Morse code and associated written examinations for radiotelegraph applicants who filed on or before the date of this Public Notice will be administered, upon the request of the applicant, by the Commission's field offices. Individuals who have pending applications for the radiotelegraph examination, however, will have their applications dismissed without a fee refund if, they do not request to take the written test within 60 days of this public notice.

Applications for renewals, duplicates or modifications of commercial operator licenses should continue to be sent to Mellon Bank with the \$35 fee. The Commission waives any provisions in Parts 1 and 13 that are inconsistent with this interim procedure.

All inquiries concerning Commission examinations, e.g., special examination locations and times, and interim examination procedures, should be addressed to the nearest Commission field office. A list of Commission field offices is attached. The Commission expects private examination sessions to be available to the public on a regular basis in the summer of 1993. A public notice will be issued when such sessions are available in place of the procedures set forth herein. Inquiries concerning the status of privatization should be addressed to the Private Radio Bureau at (202) 632-4964.

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