

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADCAST STATION OPERATORS RELAXED

The Federal Communications Commission, in recognition of the growing shortage of first class radiotelephone operators and upon the recommendation of the Defense Communications Board, relaxed its operator requirements to permit the operation of broadcast stations of any class by holders of radiotelegraph first or second class operator licenses or radiotelephone second class operator licenses. A broadcast station may use operators of such classes, however, only insofar as it is unable to secure a sufficient number of first class radiotelephone licensees.

At least one first class radiotelephone operator must be employed who will be responsible at all times for the technical operation of the station and must make all adjustments of the transmitter equipment other than minor adjustments normally needed in the daily operation of the station. Any adjustment of transmitter equipment other than a minor one must be made by a first class radiotelephone operator and until such operator is available to make the adjustment, the station shall cease operation.

The Commission in relaxing its requirements emphasizes that a station licensee is not relieved of his responsibility of operating the station in exact accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. The relaxation is intended solely to meet a critical shortage of technical personnel. It is expected that the relaxation will not impair technical operation of broadcast stations or lower labor standards in the industry. If it is determined that first class operators are available, the Commission will restore the higher standards.