

# Ham Radio License Classes and Testing

From: Benicia Amateur Radio Club

Several years ago, the Benicia Amateur Radio Club (BARC) partnered with Benicia's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to create a Ham Radio licensing class for members of its CERT program. Response to this One-Day licensing class has been very favorable and recently the class was opened to CERT teams throughout Northern California. Attendees have come from Shasta to Santa Clara, and from Alameda to Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley.

Following emergencies, communications are often lost or severely impacted and FEMA has recommended that CERT teams throughout the country encourage the use of Amateur Radio as an alternative. Also known as Ham Radio, this proven means of communications does not rely on existing infrastructure thereby providing an alternate method of communicating during and following a disaster.

We would like to invite your CERT team members to join other fellow CERT members from throughout Northern California at our accelerated one-day licensing class in Benicia. Historically over 90% of attendees pass the on-site FCC licensing exam administered by federally accredited examiners immediately at the conclusion of class.

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: Benicia Senior Center, [1201 East 2nd Street, Benicia, CA 94510 \(map\)](#)

Cost: \$35. Includes all study material, venue, refreshments, handouts, freebies and exam fee. All instructors and facilitators are volunteers. After the application is processed by the FCC you will need to pay a separate \$35 fee directly to the FCC.

Access: Our facility has full handicap access.

Info/Signup: Online at [www.beneciaARC.com](http://www.beneciaARC.com). Class size is limited and it always fills up, so register promptly.

Questions: [hamradioclass@beniciaarccom](mailto:hamradioclass@beniciaarccom) or class Coordinator, Bob Fentress (707) 742-3227

The **Mt Diablo ARC** has a number of courses planned for all classes of licenses during the first quarter of 2023.

Their General Class starts March 28, and an Amateur Extra Class starts on June 27. These classes are taught either in-person (Clayton, CA) or Online. Details and registration information is available here

<https://www.mdarc.org/education-and-testing/class-details>

Updated: 4/11/2023 8:05 PM

The **Benicia ARC** has started planning to resurrect their highly respected one-day “ham-cram” class. It will include both Technician and General Class training. No date or location has been confirmed yet.

For details when they’re available, check in on their website occasionally at:

<https://beniciaarc.com>

The **Stockton-Delta ARC** also does one day HamCram sessions. There's nothing on the schedule now, but that will change. You can check their HamCram page here

<http://www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html>

The **Emergency Amateur Radio Club of Hawai`i** will provide several online-only 7-session Technician courses next year. The first one begins January 9, 2023, with others beginning in March, June, July and October. Contact (skawamae[at]gmail[dot]com) for details.

The **Solano ARC** does testing the first Saturdays in June and December. More info for this and other area testing can be found on the ARRL Website.

[http://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/search/page:1/Location.zip:94534/Location.state:CA/model:Event](http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/search/page:1/Location.zip:94534/Location.state:CA/model:Event)