

WINLINK PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION NORTH FLORIDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NF4RC

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The North Florida Amateur Radio Club (NFARC), establishes a WINLINK PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION which is available to all amateur radio operators worldwide, good for two years from the date of certification, and requires all the following accomplishments.

The goal is to encourage growth of amateurs' proficiency as well as to establish a list of proficient amateurs. Achieving this certification is not a commitment to any kind of service or deployment. While this is open to amateurs world-wide, we encourage other clubs or organizations to copy or improve this certification. If groups wish to copy this certification, to be most helpful, we encourage them to simply include a note such as "equivalent to the NFARC Winlink Proficiency Certification."

Lists of certified hams will be maintained on <http://qsl.net/nf4rc/WinlinkQualifiedHams.pdf>. A copy
This document will be maintained on <http://qsl.net/nf4rc/WinlinkProficiencyCertification.pdf>

1. HF/VHF/2 Locations: Check into the Florida WINLINK net (see www.clayares.org; may also use any equivalent WINLINK check-in net) with at least 4 total emails, including an HF & a VHF origination at one location, and an HF & a VHF origination at any other location at least 25 miles from the first location. The applicant must have personally set up both amateur radio locations, and must own at least one of the stations. [The goal of the distance requirement is to demonstrate the ability to utilize different VHF gateways and to personally set up HF gear in a different location.] Proof: The applicant may paste into their application (see below) copies of Florida Winlink summary check-in lists from Ray Cook (or his designee) demonstrating the different checkins, modes, and cities/counties .

2 ATTACHMENTS: Within the various checkins (emails), all of the following must be demonstrated:

- a) at least one transmitted ICS document (e.g., ICS213),
- b) at least one transmitted photograph sized between 5kilobytes and 15 kilobytes, and
- c) at least one reply to an ICS document (meaning that the participant received an ICS document, reviewed it and replied, preferably with the same type ICS document). The applicant may request that Ray Cook (or his designee) verify that all these have been accomplished, and may request that either KX4Z, W2SRP, or KI4UWC send the applicant an ICS-213 document to assist with the requirement to reply.

These various emails may be in excess of what type of email was requested by the Florida WINLINK Net for that week, as long as the applicant points out in their email to KI4UWC that they are sending additional material to apply for the Winlink Proficiency Certification.

3. Peer to Peer: The applicant must also send a winlink email including some form of attachment in a peer-to-peer communication to either W2SRP, KX4Z, WD4SEN, or KI4UWC and request that their recipient generate an email attesting to this success. The attesting email should be sent to docvacuumtubes@gmail.com

4. Radio Origination: All emails and checkins from the applicant, related to this demonstration of proficiency must originate with either HF or VHF amateur radio (in other words, TELNET doesn't count).

5. Application: When you have met all the requirements and wish to apply for the proficiency certification, please send a WINLINK email to docvacuumtubes@gmail.com, documenting how they accomplished each of the requirements above. Hint: Remember to choose your subject line properly so that your email reaches docvacuumtubes@gmail.com. An example email would be:

"I, K4AAA, am applying for the Winlink Proficiency Certification.

Requirement #1: Checked in on both HF & VHF on March 1 from Orlando in the morning. Drove to Ocala and checked in on HF & VHF the same day. Pasted below is the return email from Ray Cook for that week, in which my checkins are listed.

Requirement #2: WD4SEN is sending you a statement that I received an email with an attached ICS-213 and that I replied with comments in the reply section of the ICS-213, on March 2nd.

Requirement #3: Using peer-to-peer I sent W2SRP a Winlink email with an attachment later in the da on March 2nd. W2SRP has sent you an email confirming this.

Requirement #4: All of these were carried out using radio frequency amateur radio originations, and I personally own one of the stations utilized.

Sincerely,

John Doe, K4AAA"

Questions? Applications? Email docvacuumtubes@gmail.com