

**Frequently asked questions regarding Amateur Radio Examination / License**  
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**1. Who can become a Ham / Radio Amateur?**

Any citizen of India who is above 12 years of age can become a ham by qualifying the Amateur Station Operators Licence examination and obtaining a valid license.

**2. What are the various categories and fees of exam?**

A candidate can apply for any of the below categories:

S. No.	Category	Examination Fee
1	Restricted	Rs. 100/-
2	General	Rs 100/-
3	General & Restricted	Rs 200/-

**3. Where are the examination centres?**

Examination may be conducted at any of the Wireless Monitoring Station / International Monitoring Station in India.

The list of Monitoring Stations is given below:

1. Ahmedabad	10. Gorakhpur	19. New Delhi
2. Ajmer	11. Hyderabad	20. Patna
3. Bengaluru	12. Jalandhar	21. Raipur
4. Bhopal	13. Jammu	22. Ranchi
5. Bhubaneswar	14. Kolkata	23. Shillong
6. Chennai	15. Lucknow	24. Siliguri
7. Dehradun	16. Mangalore	25. Thiruvananthapuram
8. Dibrugarh	17. Mumbai	26. Vijayawada
9. Goa	18. Nagpur	27. Vishakapatnam

**4. What is the pattern and duration of examination?**

The examination consists of two parts; Part A: Basic Electronics and Part B: Radio Regulations.

The Restricted Grade examination consists of 25 Questions each in Part A and Part B and is for one hour. The General Grade Examination consists of 50 Questions each in Part A and Part B and is for two hours. The General Grade candidates will have to additionally undertake an examination in Transmission and Reception of Morse Code at 8 wpm.

**5. How many marks are needed to pass the examination?**

The candidate must secure a minimum of **40%** of the total marks to qualify in the exam

**6. Can I take the examination at any centre?**

The applicant can choose the examination centre at any Wireless Monitoring Station / International Monitoring Station as per their convenience.

**7. Can I change the centre of examination after application?**

No change in Exam Centre is permitted after submission of application.

### **8. Can I change the category of examination after submission of application?**

No change in category will be permitted after submission of the application.

### **8. Can I apply for both GENERAL and RESTRICTED?**

Yes. A candidate can apply for both General and Restricted categories. If a candidate passes in Part I and II, he/she will be issued a GENERAL License. If a candidate passes only in Part I of the examination he/she will be issued a RESTRICTED License.

### **9. Can I take the General Grade examination after passing Restricted Grade?**

Yes. You will need to apply again for General Grade after the completion of the Restricted Grade examination.

### **10. Are there any exemptions from the exam?**

Candidates having the following Qualifications are exempted from appearing in Part A of the Examination

- (i) B. Tech/BE Degree in Electronics or Telecommunication
- (ii) B.Sc/M.Sc with Electronics or Telecommunication
- (iii) Diploma in Engineering with Electronics or Telecommunication

### **11. How do I check the status of application?**

The status of the application can be checked on the Saral Sanchar portal.

### **12. When will the examination be conducted?**

The Date, Venue and Time of the examination will be intimated to the candidate by the respective Monitoring Station. The examination will be conducted **every month** when there are sufficient numbers of candidates.

### **13. What if I reside in another city in which no monitoring station is situated?**

For examination venues in cities other than where Wireless Monitoring Stations / International Monitoring Stations are situated, there should be a minimum of 20 candidates and the centre should be a School / University / Education Centre / Amateur Radio Society or Club. The application may be submitted to the nearest monitoring station.

### **14. What documents do I need to carry for the examination?**

The Admit Card is to be produced for verification at the time of the test. At least one original valid Photo Identification Card (such as Aadhaar Card, Driving Licence, Passport, PAN Card, Voter ID,) should also be presented. Date of Birth Proof, Address proof, Proof for Exemption in Part A are also to be produced to the examiner for verification.

### **15. Does WPC provide any training?**

No, WPC does not provide any training for the examination.

### **16. What should I do after passing the examination?**

After passing the examination, you may apply for Amateur Wireless Telegraph Station License/ Certificate on the Saral Sanchar Portal.

### **17. Can I choose my own call sign?**

You can give a choice of 3 call signs. Based on availability, a call sign would be assigned.

### 18. What is the license fee?

A license fee as below is payable after passing the examination.

Category of License	Fees	
	20 Years	Life Long (upto 80 years)
Amateur Station Operators Certificate (General Grade)	1000	2000
Amateur Station Operators Certificate (Restricted Grade)	1000	2000

### 19. Do I need to inform WPC for a permanent change of address?

Yes, you need to intimate WPC when there is a permanent change of location. You can apply on the Saral Sanchar portal when there is a permanent change of location and pay the requisite fee of **Rs 1000/-** for re-issue of the license.

### 20. Can I get a duplicate copy of the license?

Yes. In case of loss/damage of original license, you can apply for a Duplicate copy of licence on the Saral Sanchar Portal and pay the requisite fee of **Rs 1000/-**.

### 21. How can I get a special call sign?

Apply to WPC Wing for the issue of special call sign in specified format along with fee of **Rs. 200/-**

### 22. How to pay the examination & License fee?

While making applications in Saral Sanchar portal it will prompt you to make the necessary payment.

### 23. How to pay the license fee for Club/ Repeater/ Reciprocal / Special Call sign?

The prescribed license fee is to be paid through Non Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP) available on webpage <http://bharatkosh.gov>. in

### 24. Correspondence Address:

Assistant Wireless Adviser (COP), WPC Wing, DOT, 6th Floor, Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashok Road, New Delhi-110001, India

### 25. Whom should I contact for any further queries?

For any further queries, please reach WPC Wing New Delhi on 011-2303 6534; 011-2303 6539

### 26. For General enquires:

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