

? WHAT IS A HAM CRAM ?



The **Federal Communication Commission** requires one to obtain an Amateur radio license to use a two-way radio on the amateur radio frequencies.

The **Technician license** is the entry level license, but allows you to talk from across town to around the world and more!

To help get you started on a “quicker basis” at passing the exam, the **Tahoe Amateur Radio Association provides a “One Day” review and Exam Session know as a “Ham Cram”.**

Our Ham Cram day is like a “study cram” before taking your final exam.

The idea is to obtain a (Q)uestion and (A)nswer book for the technician level of license and read through it numerous times trying to recall the correct answers.

It’s not necessary to actually learn the regulations, theory and science involved, but just try to “imprint” the correct answers from the question pool.

With that pre-exposure, the ham cram will spend the 9:30am to 2:00pm time period reviewing what you’ve studied by displaying and reading “out loud” the **QUESTIONS** and **CORRECT ANSWERS ONLY** from the question pool.

Yes, the question pool is large at 412, but many are somewhat repetitive and divided into groups.

And, we’ve had great success with giving the test right after the read through. (especially if you’ve pre-read the Q&A’s a few times before the cram)

The test is 35 multiple choice questions and you can miss 9 and still pass!! So, as an example, it’s possible to miss the few questions involving the math of electronics but maybe do well on remembering some rules and regulations.

The exam uses the exact questions and answers you’ll see in the Q&A books. **HOWEVER**, the **ORDER** of the “Listed” answers for the question may be different.

After reading through these questions, we will immediately arrange to give you your exam “on the spot” to obtain your Federal Communication Commission “Technician” license.

While it is the entry level license, it opens communication doors around the world with a simple “walkie-talkie” type radio.

“HAM” Radio is ideal for health and welfare type emergency communications, learning the actual “mechanics” of 2-way radio operations and making contacts with areas you would not experience otherwise (like contacting the international space station!).

If you desire, you can continue learning the actual physics and electronics of the world involving Radio Frequencies!

The HAM CRAM is open to the public and FREE, but the actual exam requires a \$15 fee that we forward to the Federal Communication Commission representative for licensing.

Additionally, there is now a \$35 fee required through the FCC web site to obtain your license.

**Complete information is available on the Tahoe Amateur Radio Association’s web site at
<http://TahoeAmateurRadio.com>**

Finally, there is not enough time to actually introduce “using” a ham radio at the ham cram, but after obtaining your license, there are numerous ham individuals and clubs that would be more than happy to help you take your first steps at actually “pressing the push to talk switch” !

I hope this gives you an idea of just what we’re trying to accomplish at the ham cram and again, please don’t hesitate to contact Paul with any questions or concerns.

Also, no big rush, but if you’re planning on attending, please contact Paul (wa6ewv@juno.com) with an email as the cram can reach room capacity a few weeks before the start date.

Thanks for your interest!

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