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LFARS Offering Free Exams to Alaska Residents

Last Frontier ARS is now offering FREE amateur radio license examinations to Alaska residents

Kodiak, Alaska – July 9, 2024 – The Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society’s Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting on Monday, July 8th, 2024. In that meeting, president Brandin Hess, AC1RU made the case to offer a service that has not been done before.

As of this writing, Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society is pleased to offer free examinations to anyone who is a legally established Alaska resident. This not only includes regularly scheduled exam sessions, but we are now offering on-demand testing to Alaskans at no charge! This announcement comes as part of our push to expand the club’s presence in Alaska as well as providing a very unique service to a state that continues to remain largely underserved.

Our new on-demand license testing for Alaskans aligns directly with our HamTestOnline service. Applicants wanting to test on-demand would request a time that’s at least 48 hours in advance through our streamlined registration process. Provided we can put a VE team together, it’s very likely the request would be accommodated. Alaskans should also keep in mind there may be an unlikely circumstance where some time adjustment needs to be made and a little flexibility is always appreciated!

Alaskans wanting to test with us will need to upload some documentation that proves residency in the state in accordance with AS 01.10.055 and 15 AAC 23.143, respectively. For applicants over the age of 18, we require the following:

Photo identification must be one of the following:

- Valid Driver License issued by the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, or
- Valid Identification Card issued by the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles

Secondary proof of Alaska residency must be one of the following:

- Alaska Voter ID Card (issued by the Alaska Division of Elections)
- Alaska Vehicle Registration (issued by the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles)
- Utility bill issued by a company that solely operates in Alaska (this can be a cellphone bill from a company such as GCI)
- Bank statement from an Alaska financial institution
- Property tax receipt from your city or borough government

NOTE: The required documentation above will need to be submitted as part of our registration process.

Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society is excited to bring this news as we have seen a growing need to implement our modern technological approach in the most remote places in Alaska. Our long term goal is to ensure we have the public's trust in seeking our services for amateur radio in Alaska for many years to come. Offering free exams to Alaskans is a great step in that direction and we are proud to be the first in America offering this unique service!

More information on free exams for Alaskans can be found by going to <https://lfars.net/remote-testing-alaska.htm> where everything you need to know is made available.

Originally founded on November 8th, 2022, Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society (formerly Last Frontier Volunteer Examiner Club) aims to serve the community of Alaska and beyond by providing amateur radio license testing and opportunities for social connections. Located in Kodiak, Alaska, Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society's Mission Statement is "...To serve the amateur radio community throughout Alaska and beyond with honesty, integrity, sound leadership, compassion and respect in the act of selfless service to anyone, regardless of physical location." More information about Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society can be found at <https://lfars.net>.

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