

# Amateur Radio License Preparation Classes

This is a series of classes to prepare students for the Element 2 (Technician) entry-level amateur radio license test.



The classes are sponsored by the Athens County Amateur Radio Association (ACARA) to introduce participants to the hobby of amateur radio and to provide trained operators to assist agencies such as the Red Cross and Emergency Management Agency during disasters.

**Dates/Time:** Mondays, January 12 to March 16, 2026 (Testing date) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Test registration begins 6:30 PM

**Location:** Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio, 100 South May Avenue, Athens, Ohio 45701

**Cost:** The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 5th ed. book (\$33 from [arrl.org](http://arrl.org)), available through the ACARA (approx. \$28). No tuition charge. No Morse code equipment or test required.  
Test fee \$15. Once the exam is passed, the FCC now charges a \$35 license fee. This is not collected by the exam team. Once paperwork is submitted, the FCC will contact the new licensee about how to pay the fee.

**Contact:** Pre-register with Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, 740-541-0972, or by e-mail at [n8suz@arrl.net](mailto:n8suz@arrl.net)

**Topics:** Introduction and Commission's rules, methods of communication, radio phenomena, basic communication electronics, good engineering practices, station licensee and control operator duties, good operating practices, special operations, electrical, antenna and RF safety

**ACARA Hamfest: Sunday, April 26, 2026, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**Test session 10 AM**

