

Obtaining an Amateur Radio "General" License is an exercise in test taking. First, you must pass the Element 2 (Technician) exam, then;

The General Exam will have 35 questions taken from a fixed pool of 483.

All questions will be multiple-choice (A, B, C, or D).

You must answer 26 of the 35 for a passing score.

The questions on the test must be taken, letter for letter, from the VEC question pool that can be found at <http://ncvec.org/>

The only alteration might be the rotation of the correct answer between A), B), C), and D).

A question shall be drawn from each Sub-Element

I recommend that you read through the Question/Answer notes found on the GeneralQ&A.doc.

The notes are each question from the pool, with only the correct answer. Their purpose is to allow you to become familiar with each question and its' correct answer.

Then access one of the practice sites, such as HAM Academy, found on <http://www.ah0a.org/> , and review all of the exam questions.

I recommend HAM Academy. It is a freeware program that will allow you to "Drill" all of the questions, or you may read General Study Notes about each of the ten sub-elements.

In Drill mode, answer any question. If you make an error, it tells you the correct answer, then places the question back into the pool, until all questions in that review segment are answered correctly.

Example:

<http://www.ah0a.org/> (A - H - Zero - A)

Click on HAM Academy 6.0 (either online, or download version)

If download version, select the file labeled "Index" (you must unzip the file first).

Select "Single" user (it tracks you progress)

Select Element 3

Select "Drill" to review questions.

Select "Random" or "Sequential" and any portion of the question pool you wish to review.

If you do not know the answer, make you best guess. If you select the correct answer, Ham Academy will go to the next question. If you select an incorrect answer, HAM Academy will high-light the correct answer and wait for you to select it. Read the Correct answer twice, then, select it.

Ham Academy will put incorrectly answered questions back into the review pool randomly.

When you complete all of the questions, you may quit, or start the next sub-element.

It should take 4-5 hours to go through the entire question pool.

Rather than selecting "Single User", you may select "General Study Notes", which brings up a narrative covering all of the answers in that sub-element.

When you feel ready: access the SANDARC website <http://www.sandarc.net/> for testing information, or see the attached maps.

The attached maps show SANDARC web information as of 4-13-07.

To take an examination, please contact the appropriate Team Leader listed on website.

There are many on-line practice test programs. I encourage their use.

If you have questions or comments, please contact SDYC/ARG Bob Vincent at N6EZV@arrl.net or 619-987-7321.