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Republic of the Philippines  
**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
NTC Bldg., Agham Road, East Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City

~~NEW~~

Office Order  
No. 11-08-2015

**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF MORSE CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR AMATEUR EXAMINATION AND LICENSING**

In order to have a common interpretation of Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Department Order (D.O.) No. 2004-40 dated August 04, 2004 RE: Code Test Requirement for Class A only with a Speed of 5wpm and NTC Memorandum Circular 03-08-2012 Re: Amateur Radio Regulations, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. For Class A amateur, the examinee must pass the following Elements:

- Element 1 : Morse Code at 5 wpm
- Element 8 : Practical Circuits
- Element 9 : Antennas and Transmission Lines
- Element 10 : Radio Wave Propagation

- 2. Any amateur examinee who has passed Element 1 (Morse Code) prior to the promulgation of D.O. 2004-40 need not take Element 1 examination again when upgrading to a higher Class.
- 3. Class C holders prior to the issuance of D.O. 2004-40 were required to pass Elements 1, 2, 3 & 4. In view of the removal of the Morse Code (Element 1) for Class C, Class D holders who passed Elements 2, 3 & 4 prior to the issuance of D.O. 2004-40 shall be automatically upgraded to Class C upon renewal of his/her amateur radio operator's license.
- 4. All Regional Offices shall verify examination results with the Central Records Section to confirm validity of results.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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