

Free Amateur Radio (HAM) Training Courses



Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

February 7 and February 14, 2026

Technician Class License (entry level) 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM both Saturdays

General Class License 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on February 21, 2026

Whether for emergency communication, communicating around the world, or learning a bit about electronics, there's nothing else like amateur radio (also known as "ham radio"). Amateur radio operators have long provided communications "when all else fails" during disasters. With a short course they can join over 710,000 men, women, and children in the United States from all walks of life who are license to operate ham radios. At the start of the Technician license course, the president of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 10-minute presentation on ham radio.

The class location is: Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltordway@gmail.com

Walt charges no fee for either/both course(s). Taking the FCC test is \$15. After passing the Technician test the FCC will send you an e-mail for paying its \$35 license fee and then they will assign you your amateur radio call sign and you're good to go!

Optional Materials (sold at cost) Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions, \$30 for the Technician and \$33 for the General.

Paper copy of Walt's class Power Point charts: \$30 for the Technician and \$30 for the General.

Everyone who obtains their first or upgraded ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year.

For courses sponsored by the PVARC, students through grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement for up to a maximum of \$85 to cover their cost of class materials and the examination fee.