

ARRL VE Newsletter February 2024 – Extra Pool Errata Released

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Errata to the 2024 - 2028 Amateur Extra-Class Question Pool Released

The NCVEC Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released errata for the new 2024 – 2028 Extra Element 4 question pool, which goes into effect on July 1, 2024.

The errata includes one question (E9E10) withdrawn from use, five modified questions (E1D07, E1F03, E4D12, E4D13, and E6A06), and two rule’s citations that have been updated (E1E10 and E1E11).

These changes are reflected in the new pool files dated January 31, 2024.

Reminder: The newly revised extra question pool must be used starting July 1, 2024. VECs and VEs will have new test designs available starting on that date. Previously supplied versions of ARRL VEC Extra-class exam booklets (2020 series) and computer-generated Extra-class exams from the 2020 question pool are only valid until midnight on June 30, 2024. The ARRL VEC will supply its officially appointed, field-stocked VE teams with new Extra exam booklet designs around mid-June.

Quiet Please! – Keeping Session Noise Levels To A Minimum

The largest number of complaints we receive cite examiners as the primary noise source and distraction for candidates.

VE teams should aim to keep the test session conducive to a classroom setting for the candidates. Most candidates will already be in a quiet posture, ready to concentrate on taking the exam. The team should use good judgment when speaking during the session to avoid disturbing the candidates. Strive to keep noise levels of examiner administrative discussions to a minimum. The VE team should suppress any unnecessary or excessive noise in the exam room, irrespective of the source, and take corrective steps to ensure exam sessions comply with good VE practice and VEC policies. Socializing should be conducted before or after the session, not during, to minimize distractions.

FCC and ARRL Headquarters will be Closed on Monday, February 19

The FCC and ARRL Headquarters will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024, for Presidents' Day and will reopen on Tuesday, February 20, at 8 AM EST. Exam sessions and amateur applications will not be processed by the FCC on Monday.

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As always, the dedicated VEC staff are here to answer any questions you may have.

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