

Hints & Tips to prepare for amateur radio exams.

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I would like to introduce you to a very useful website called eHam.net. The link:

<http://www.eham.net/reviews/products/56>

lists resources for ham exam study. If you go to the top of the "Reviews" column and click it twice the rows will be resorted to most number of reviews at the top, descending down. Whatever resource you choose make sure the Technician materials are dated on/after July 1, 2014. All license materials are updated every four years and so you want to avoid out of date information.

Near the top of the resorted column you will find ARRL, Gordon West, HamTestOnline and KB6NU. Ignore the Morse Code/CW reviews because they are no longer required for a license.

KB6NU has free Technician material (PDF file only) which I print out and keep handy to show people. I have read it through and believe it is the best free resource you will find.

I used HamTestOnline to study for my Extra class license 5 years ago and thought it was excellent. It will let you try out the Tech material for a short free trial period so you can judge if it is worth the cost.

Gordon West books have many illustrations, charts, diagrams and other visuals which you may find very helpful.

ARRL materials are very thorough and oriented more for the technically inclined. They have all Technician license pool questions and answers available to non-members on their website: <http://www.arrl.org/tech-question-pool>

Currently, SBARC offers VE exams at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of odd numbered months. Testing sessions are held in The Camellia Room in the main building of Homestead Village at 924 Plantation Blvd, Fairhope, AL 36532. See sb-arc.com for more info. If I can be of further assistance, let me know.

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