



Do You Know?

Did you know that the design of the amateur radio license has changed over the years?

When first introduced licenses were large like a college diploma and intended to be framed.

They didn't contain the same information as our current licenses. Among the differences:

- They were serialized.
- They didn't contain the licensee's address.
- They documented the licensee's code speed
- They rated the licensee's knowledge of rules, Acts of Congress that regulate radio communication
- They rated the licensee's operation and care of equipment
- They required the licensee to take an oath of secrecy

The following is a reproduction of an amateur radio license circa 1913.

I added the emphasis on the duration of the license

Now you know

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.

LICENSE TO RADIO OPERATOR, AMATEUR FIRST GRADE.

This is to certify that _____ has been examined and shown to have a knowledge of the adjustment and operation of apparatus and of the regulations of the Radiotelegraphic Convention and the Acts of Congress in so far as they relate to interference with radio communication and impose certain duties on all grades of operators, sufficient to entitle him to a license, and he is hereby licensed as required by law, Radio Operator, Amateur First Grade, **for two years.**

The candidate was examined and shown to have knowledge (excellent or good) of the following subjects:

- (a) general adjustment, operation and care of apparatus {Excellent or good};
- (b) transmitting and sound reading Continental Morse at a speed of {Insert speed.} words a minute;
- (c) general knowledge of international regulations and Acts of Congress to regulate radio communication {Excellent or good};

(Examining Officer.)
(Title.)

Oath of Secrecy executed

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD,
Secretary of Commerce

Notary Public

E. T. CHAMBERLAIN
Commissioner of Navigation

Place _____
Date _____ 191__

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully preserve the secrecy of all messages coming to my knowledge through my employment under this license; that this obligation is taken freely, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office: So help me God.

(Signature of holder.)

Date of birth, _____

Place of birth, _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, A. D., 191____

Notary Public.

[SEAL.]