



Upcoming July 2026 Technician Amateur Radio Class

Interested in ham radio? Are you looking to use radio as a means of off-grid communications and in the event of an emergency? Ham radio is a good fit for many situations – including that you are just interested in communications and electronics. The Eastside VE Team instructors will be conducting a Summer 2026 Amateur Radio Technician class for the purposes of preparing you to earn your entry-level FCC Technician class ham radio license.

There is no charge for the class itself but there is a cost for the Technician-class study web service at <http://www.hamtestonline.com> (recommended and ~\$30) or <http://ham.study> (a good free alternative). There is also a \$10 exam fee to take the license exam and a \$35 application fee from the FCC.

Our thanks to the Trilogy Amateur Radio Club for providing the class facilities and food.

Where:

All sessions will be held at The Cascade Club at Redmond Ridge, 23225 NE Greens Crossing Road, Redmond, WA 98053, in the **Olympic room, Cedar Lodge, north of the Cascade Club.**

When:

1. Classes run on six days; Wednesday and Friday afternoon from **12:30pm to 3:30pm.**
2. Session dates are **July 22, 24, 29, 31, Aug 5, 7 (if needed, as a makeup session), 2026**
3. An exam session Aug 8th and an optional "How to choose a radio" session will be scheduled based on the student's plans after the class.

Each of the training sessions include hands-on work with radios, demos and "nets" with students operating the radios.

Class size is limited to 30 persons so if interested, please register early. Students are urged to sign up as soon as possible for the <http://www.hamtestonline.com> or <http://ham.study> study service to become familiar with the exam format. Feel free to self-study early and get tested. We can advise you how to locate in-person and online testing facilities. Just drop us an email.

To enroll, please contact Larry Bethurum AF7RW, email: Larry.bethurum@gmail.com

There is no age limit to getting a ham radio license. Kids are welcome to take the course along with their family members. Ham radio is a great family activity.

Depending on availability, existing ham radio operators are welcome to audit the class as a refresher. If so, please include your call sign as part of your enrollment information.

For additional information on ham radio and getting licensed:

<http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio>