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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES NEW COMMERCIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION QUESTION POOLS FOR ELEMENTS 7 AND 7R

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On August 8, 2012, the Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, released a *Public Notice* inviting parties to file comments regarding a proposed revision of the Commercial Operator License Examination question pools for Elements 7 (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) radio operating practices) and 7R (Restricted GMDSS radio operating practices). The proposed updated question pools were submitted by Owen Anderson and the GMDSS Task Force. Commenters support adopting the proposed question pools.

We have reviewed the record and find that the adoption of the new question pools is appropriate and would promote efficient and effective Commercial Operator License Examinations.¹ In this regard, we conclude that adoption of the updated question pools for Element 7 and 7R is warranted because it eliminates questions involving implementation dates that have already passed, and reflects the current duties and responsibilities of commercial radio operator licensees. Our goal is to ensure that the questions reflect the current duties and responsibilities of licensees and state-of-the-art technologies.

Entities administering Commercial Operator License Examinations may begin using the new question pools immediately, or may continue to use the previous question pools for a period of six months following the release date of this *Public Notice*. After that date, only the new question pools may be used.

The new question pool can be obtained from the Commission's Web site, at http://wireless.fcc.gov/commoperators/index.htm?job=question_pools, and can be obtained from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th St., S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (800) 378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, email FCC@BCPIWEB.com.

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By the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

¹ In his comments, Mr. Anderson corrects typographical errors regarding format and punctuation in the proposed question pools that were submitted to the Commission. We approve the corrected versions of the pools.

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