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New Exams for FCC Elements 1, 3 and 8 offered at ETA International

Revised study materials are scheduled to be released in September 2009



GREENCASTLE, Ind. - On June 25, 2009 the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approved the new Commercial Operator License Examination question pools for elements 1, 3 and 8.

“We conclude that adoption of the updated question pools 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,” as stated by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Though the new exams are available, individuals may still take the previous versions until December 26, 2009.

“As one of the original FCC COLEMs and contributor to the new question pools, ETA International is committed to expanding its efforts with the FCC,” says Teresa Maher, ETA International President. “The new question pools are available for individuals who would like to take them either written or online. However, we intend to offer both versions until the transition is complete.”

The new question pools include:

Element 1 – 24 key topics with 6 exam questions in each area. The pool contains 144 questions, with one question taken from each Key Topic to make up a 24-question exam. The current exam is taken from a pool of 170 questions and also contains 24 questions.

Element 3 – 100 key topics with 6 exam questions in each area. There are 600 questions in the new pool and the exam will contain 100 questions, an increase from the previous exam with 76 questions from a pool of 916 questions.

Element 8 – 50 key topics with 6 exam questions from each area. There are 300 questions in the new pool, a decrease from the 321-question pool. This exam will still have 50 questions.

“The revisions to the question pools reflect all of the current changes to commercial radio industry,” Maher adds. “The exams are more pertinent and up-to-date when measuring the skills of the licensees.”

Revisions are currently underway for the GROL-Plus book. It will contain the new question pools, along with explanations that will better aid students in understanding the theory and practice of each correct answer. It is projected that the new text will be released in September 2009 and they will be available at ETA.

ETA International offers the exams both online and paper and must be administered by an ETA Certification Administrator. ETA is one of the original COLEMS and has been administering FCC examinations since 1993. If anyone wishes to take an FCC exam or has additional questions please contact ETA at 800.288.3824.

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