



Hello, and thank you for registering for the Amateur Radio General license class, sponsored by the Bella Vista area Radio Club –

***Note: You must already hold a current and valid Technician Class amateur radio license to enroll in this class.***

Here is the class information and guidelines. *Please carefully review the following:*

**CLASS DATES:** Saturday & Sunday, July 13-14 and Saturday & Sunday, July 20-21, 2024

**CLASS LOCATION:** Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA)  
3424 S. Downum Road  
Springdale, AR 72762

**CLASS SCHEDULE:** 9:00am – 12:00pm Morning Session  
12:00pm – 12:30pm Lunch Break  
12:30pm – 3:30pm Afternoon Session  
*(Restroom breaks can be taken during class sessions.  
There are two smoking areas at the ALETA facility.)*

## **CLASS INFORMATION:**

- **THIS CLASS IS FREE; HOWEVER YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE AN ACCOMPANYING LICENSE MANUAL (\$32.95). THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO STUDY BEFORE THE CLASS BEGINS, AND DURING THE WEEK BETWEEN THE TWO CLASS WEEKENDS. IT CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ANY OF THE BELOW WEBSITES (ORDER NOW!):**

<https://home.arrl.org/action/Store/Product-Details/productId/2015951532>

<https://www.hamradio.com/detail.cfm?pid=H0-018437>

<https://www.amazon.com/2023-2027-General-Class-WB6NOA-Gordon/dp/094505307X>

- **Bring pen(s) and notebook with you for the classes.** On Testing Saturday, July 21, it would be good if you bring a couple of sharpened #2 pencils with you in addition to your pen(s) and notebook. The pencils will be used for the FCC exam that day. If you cannot obtain sharpened pencils we will have some available.
- **BE ON TIME AND NO ABSENCES!**.....These classes will be jam-packed with information, questions, and answers. You must be **on time** for each class session. The sessions will start PROMPTLY at 9:00am on the two Saturdays and Sundays. **DON'T BE LATE!**
- **TAKE YOUR LUNCH BREAK AT THE ALETA FACILITY.** Lunch breaks will be **30 minutes**. This will not be enough time for you to drive into Springdale to eat and return to the Aleta facility. **PLAN ON BRINGING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU AND EAT IN THE ALETA GYMNASIUM. DO NOT LEAVE THE ALETA FACILITY FOR LUNCH.** Also, there are no vending machines at ALETA. However, in addition to your lunch you may bring drinks and a snack if you wish.
- **YOUR BOTTLED DRINKS OR DRINKING CONTAINERS MUST HAVE A TOP ON THEM,** to avoid spilling in the ALETA classroom. ALETA has graciously made their facility available for us to use for this radio class. We do not want spillages in their classroom. Anyone without a top on their drink container will be asked to dispose of it.
- **NO SNACKS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.** This is a classroom – not a break area. You may consume your snack(s) during a very quick break in the ALETA gymnasium.
- **PARKING:** The ALETA main parking lot is in the front of the building on the west side. If it is full, there is an overflow parking lot on the north side. You will see the entrance to the overflow lot after you enter the main lot.

**(See next page)**

## **TESTING INFORMATION:**

The test for the General class license will be given on Sunday, July 21, at the conclusion of the final class session. The test will be administered by the Bella Vista area Radio Club ARRL VE team.

**• YOU MUST HAVE YOUR FRN (FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER) WHEN YOU REPORT FOR THE FINAL CLASS ON TEST DAY, JULY 21. YOUR FRN IS ON YOUR CURRENT TECHNICIAN LICENSE OR AVAILABLE ON THE FCC WEBSITE UNDER YOUR CALLSIGN**

To conduct business with the FCC, you **must** use your FRN. This number is used to uniquely identify you in all transactions with the FCC. The FCC no longer accepts Social Security #'s or Driver's License #'s to apply for a ham license upgrade – **only the FRN**.

- Along with your FRN, you will need to provide identification in one of the following ways:
  - **One legal photo ID (identification):**
    - State Driver's License
    - Government issued Passport
    - Military or Law Enforcement
    - Officer Photo ID card
    - Student School Photo ID card
    - State Photo ID card
  
- ***You will also need a copy of your current Technician license***
  
- The class is free, but there is a \$15 testing fee, *due at the time you take the test*. For persons 17 years of age or younger, the test fee is \$5.
  
- *We do not have the ability to accept debit/credit cards.* **If you intend to pay with cash, please bring the EXACT amount with you (no \$20 bills).** Personal checks are also ok.
  
- A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed. Cell phones **MUST** be silenced or turned off during the class and exam sessions. Also, iPhones, iPads, etc. may not be used.

- After you pass the test, [usually] 2-3 business days later, you will receive an e-mail from the FCC. – This e-mail will contain a link which will take you to a .pdf file with an image of your new General license. The license will have ‘**original copy**’ printed across it. The link is good for 30 days. We suggest that you not only print your new license but **SAVE** the .pdf file to your hard drive, because this will be the **only** time that you’ll receive your **ORIGINAL** license from the FCC. If you fail to print this original license, or you do not download and keep the .pdf and you need a copy of your license later on, you can download a .pdf file from your account on the FCC website, but this license will have ‘reference copy’ – not ‘original copy’ – on it, and it is just that: a reference copy. A reference copy is NOT a license.

**If you have any additional questions,  
please e-mail Glenn-WB5L at: [wb5l@arrl.net](mailto:wb5l@arrl.net).**