

QRZ.COM Practice Examinations Program

Here is the link to the QRZ.com practice testing area. Just follow the instructions and you can set up your account and begin taking practice exams.

<http://www.qrz.com>

This will bring you to their home page. Look at the blue bar across the top of the page. Select "**Resources**" then select "**Practice Amateur Exams**"

This will bring you to another page of instructions.

Hit "**Register Now**" to set up an account.

Another screen will appear and in the GREEN boxed area select "**Click Here**".

Now select a username that you want to use. They will ask for a valid email address so they can send you a temporary password. Once you get this password, log onto the site and change the password.

If you are not at the screen that asks you to select a test version then simply select "Resources" and then "Practice Exams" again.

At this point you can select which exam category you want to use. Look closely at the options. They sort them by year. So you want to select the 2014 Technician Level exam

You have two options at this time. You can either take a practice exam of 35 random questions or just select a specific sub group (the **green link** to the right).

Select the green option and then select T1A. The questions are now arranged by their question number as shown on page 234 - 235 in your book

Now this will give you a practice exam of only 14 questions.

I will go over the entire page with you.

1.) You will notice in GREEN that this is **Technician Class 2014 Pool Question** and then the question number is in RED **T1A01**

2.) Scroll down the page and you will see (in the last box) the actual question number for each of the 14 questions in the quiz. (T1A01 - T1A14)

After each question number you will see a grey circle. The circle will change to either a red dot (wrong answer) or a green dot (correct answer)

3.) So scroll back up to the question. Using the keyboard you can type in the letter to the answer you choose. It can be lower or upper case. You can also click the mouse over either the answer itself or the letter preceding the answer.

**WARNING. Continue reading before you answer the first question.**

4.) Now go to page 234 in your book and locate section T1A and you will see that question T1A01 is on page 33.

5.) Go to page 33 and compare the wording of this question and its answers, as it appears in the book, with the test question on the computer screen. The specific wording of the question and its four answers should be the same. However, the order of the answers might be different.

I took section T1A several times and each time some of the questions had rotated the answers. One time it might be 'b', the next time it was 'c' and so forth.

The object here is that you are not memorizing the letter of the answer but rather the wording of the answer regardless of its position (a, b, c, or d)

Next, I want to go over the indications provided to you during the exams.

6.) At this point you should know the correct answer. However, I want you to choose another answer instead.

The answer you selected should appear in a light red banner and the words "Sorry, but that answer was not correct" should appear in a red background at the bottom of the question.

7.) At this point the exam is 'frozen'. It will allow you to make another choice/s until you get the correct answer.

8.) Now type in the letter of the correct answer. That answer should now appear in green and you should get a green banner telling you that this was the correct answer.

In about 3-4 seconds it will show you the 2nd question.

9.) Now scroll down to the bottom box and you will see that the circle next to the first question number has changed to red meaning you missed this question.

10.) Now scroll up to the question. Look directly beneath answer D. You should see two items. On the left side there should be a box labeled "Skip for now" and on the right another option of "Start over".

Any question you skip will appear again after the last question. So all you are really doing is delaying that question for a bit. However, I have noticed that every once in awhile a test question comes up on the screen and the left side of the answers is underneath the left side advertising column. It just might be my computer but who knows.

If you cannot read the answers then find the Skip box and hit it. You should get the next question in line. Then at the end of the questions you should see the question you skipped.

Once you complete the exam it will tell you how you scored and it will record the results for that particular section.

If you answered 13 of the 14 questions correctly you should see a score of 92.86 %. In addition, it will show the dates and scores of any prior T1A exams. Now if you look closely at this entry it will read:

Type of Exam / Section / Year-Month-date UTC time of exam

t2014 T1A 2014-07-( the date you took the exam) (the time you took the exam)

Now it is the time that might be a bit confusing. It is in UTC (Universal Time Coordinated) or Greenwich Mean Time. Right now UTC is 7 hrs later than here in California. So if you took the exam at 3 pm (1500 hrs) then it would record 10 pm (2200 hrs). Remember the sun comes up in England first and we have to wait some 7 hours before it 'gets' here. They use this procedure because anyone throughout the world might be using this program and it is much easier to use UTC since it will always be the same no matter where in the world you are. Your local time will vary but UTC will always be the same.

For example, if it is 10 am (1000 hrs) in California, then it is 1 pm (1300 hrs) in New York and 5 pm (1700 hrs) in Greenwich, England. Now if we all had clocks showing UTC time then it would be 1700 hrs UTC in California, 1700 hrs UTC in New York, and 1700 hrs UTC in England. Also if you take an exam late at night then it might record tomorrows date and a very early time of the day.

Remember that no one is checking your progress. This is merely another tool to help you become familiar with the questions. They do track which questions have been on prior 35 question exams so that they can tailor future exams with the remaining questions. This just means that you'll see all of the questions sooner.

I have not figured out how to delete prior exams yet. I continue to play with the program and hopefully I'll figure it out or else I have to contact QRZ.com and ask for instructions.

QRZ.COM Amateur Radio Practice Examination program

NOW after you see the posted results of your latest "exam" you will see a link just beneath it which reads: **Start a new exam**

Click on it and you will be brought back to the **Practice Amateur Radio Exams** page.

Select the green link to the right of the **2014 Technician Exam Practice Test** and then select another sub-category.

Once you have repeatedly gone through all 35 sub categories and are confident that you can answer them correctly you can just select the **2014 Technician Exam Practice Test** link and begin to take 35 question practice exams.

Once you can successfully pass all practice exams with scores greater than 85-90 % then you should be ready to take your real exam and pass it.

Just play with it to make sure you feel confident using the system.

I hope that this helps you to use and understand this program.

Good luck

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