



# AA7HW VE Team

## What's Next...

### ... If I pass?

1. Contact a Ham you know and ask for advice on radio, antenna, club meetings, radio net...
2. Join a radio club. Attend monthly and Elmer's meetings. <https://OTVARC.org> or <https://W7LT.org>.
3. Listen and participate to Radio net.
  - Portland NET net Sunday 8:10 pm on 147.04 MHz, +600 kHz offset, 100Hz tone
  - Portland NET chat net Sunday 7:00 pm on 443.30 MHz, +5 MHz offset, 100Hz tone
4. Join Multnomah County ARES: <https://www.multnomahares.org>.
5. If you are live or work in the City of Portland, consider joining Portland NET (Neighborhood Emergency Teams): <https://www.portland.gov/pbem/neighborhood-emergency-teams>. Portland NET can always use Amateur Radio operators.
6. Register for ARO workshop: <https://tinyurl.com/pdx-aro-now-what>. This page contains additional resources for ham radio operator.
7. Get a vanity call sign. <https://www.arrl.org/applying-for-a-vanity-call>.
8. Consider becoming a member of ARRL: <https://www.arrl.org/membership>.
9. Consider upgrading to a General or an Amateur Extra License. The advice below (**if I don't**) is useful if you want to upgrade your license.
10. If you have earned an Amateur Extra license, consider becoming a Volunteer Examiner: <https://www.aa7hw.org/becomeVE.html>.
11. Visit <https://www.qrz.com> and click on the **QRZ / Gigaparts Jumpstart Program** that allows newly licensed amateur radio operators to obtain a deeply discounted hand-held VHF / UHF radio. This offer expires December 31, 2022, or while supplies last.
12. Learn the NATO Phonetic Alphabet: [https://www.nato.int/nato\\_static\\_fl2014/assets/pdf/pdf\\_2018\\_01/20180111\\_nato-alphabet-sign-signal.pdf](https://www.nato.int/nato_static_fl2014/assets/pdf/pdf_2018_01/20180111_nato-alphabet-sign-signal.pdf).
13. To learn or improve your CW skills, join the Long Island CW Club: <https://longislandcwclub.org>.

### ... if I don't?

1. Don't give up! Register for a free account on <https://hamstudy.org>. and use **Study Mode**. There are two reasons Study Mode is better than taking practice exams:
  - Study Mode on hamstudy.org guarantees that you will see every question. Since practice exams are generated randomly, there is no guarantee that you will see every question even if you take a large number of practice exams.
  - Study Mode make more effective use of your time, because it will not waste your time with the questions that are easy for you. Instead, it will focus on the questions that you are getting wrong.
2. When you are ready, you can take your Amateur Radio License Exam online using Zoom at <https://ham.study/sessions/AA7HW/remote>. For more information about online license exams, please refer to: <https://www.aa7hw.org>.



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