

The FCC now gives credit for a General, Advanced, or Extra license, expired for more than two years, Rule 97.505(a).

The applicant must:

1. Attend a VE testing session and pass the Technician license exam
2. Bring evidence of the expired license (see below).

You will NOT be re-issued your original callsign; a new callsign will be assigned.

If your original callsign has not been reassigned, you can later get it back as a vanity callsign. DO NOT apply for this until after you receive your new callsign.

Acceptable Evidences of an Expired License (any one of these)

(Bring a copy to the VE session)

- Your original FCC General, Advanced or Extra license.
- Listing of the expired license on the FCC ULS license archive database: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>.
- "License Verification Letter" from the FCC if you were licensed after the mid-1970s. Submit request in writing to: FCC, ATTN: Amateur Section, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Include name, address, telephone number, date of birth, call sign and when the license was granted (approximate time acceptable). These requests will be researched on microfiche, so do not expect an overnight response.
- If you were licensed 1966 or later, the FCC's research retrieval service contractor, Best Copy & Printing, Inc. (BCPI), will provide the records. There is a charge for this service. Contact BCPI directly. Phone: 202-488-5300 or 1-800-378-3160. TTY: 202-488-5562. Fax: 202-488-5563. Email: fcc@bcpiweb.com. Web: http://www.bcpiweb.com/fcc_research.php.
- A Radio Amateur Callbook listing 1967 or later, provided a G, A or E appears next to the listing. Be sure to copy the front of the Callbook if the date is not printed on the listing page.

Bring a copy of one of these with you to the VE testing session when you take your Technician exam.