



Bulkley Valley Amateur Radio Society

Affiliated with Radio Amateurs of Canada

Radio Course and Amateur Radio Service Basic-Level Certification

The Bulkley Valley Amateur Radio Society (BVARs, www.pgarc.org/BVARs.html) is offering a course and mentoring program for anyone wishing to obtain their Basic Level (or Basic Level with Honours) Amateur (aka “Ham”) Radio Certification from Industry Canada. There is no minimum age or other restriction. **There will be a course registration fee of \$20**, which includes the multiple choice exam (the BVARs has two Industry Canada certified examiners) and a 2012 membership in the BVARs. **The fee will be waived for members of volunteer emergency organizations (e.g., BV Search and Rescue, Emergency Social Services, Fire, etc.).**

The course will be a combination of self-study over a two-week period (with access to mentors), followed by a Friday evening and all-day Saturday group session focussed on any problem areas, demonstrations, and practice exams. The Saturday session will conclude with the exam, although other exam sessions (including a free re-take) and mentoring will be scheduled to meet student needs. The course will be based on the free on-line course at www.emergencyradio.ca/course, with some added demonstrations of equipment and operating modes. Typically, students with little or no radio background require 20-25 hours of study to be successful.

The Basic level certification allows operation (for authorized purposes) on all amateur modes/bands in the VHF and higher frequency allocations, including the hill-top voice and data repeater system maintained by the BVARs and other amateur groups. Basic with Honours (an exam score of 80% or greater) also allows operation on High Frequency (‘short-wave’) bands and modes. Further information on the Amateur Service can be found at Industry Canada (www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf01709.html), Radio Amateurs of Canada (www.rac.ca), and in the course materials (www.emergencyradio.ca/course).

While our main target audience are those interested in radio communications and electronics for hobby purposes as well as public service, we welcome anyone interested in radio communications generally or seeking better understanding of radio systems and the capabilities of the Amateur Service. If you are interested, attend our registration session January 30th, and/or call Doug Steventon at 250-847-4469 (evenings) or Bob Haslett at 250-847-3010, or email us at ve7rbh@rac.ca with your contact information.

REGISTRATION: Monday, February 13, 7pm, Search and Rescue Hall, Basement of Ranger Park Building

GROUP SESSION AND EXAM: Friday evening, February 24th and all-day Saturday, February 25th.