

Email response received 10 August 2005 from Mr R Jones GW3JUM:

I obtained a full amateur radio licence in 1971 aged 17 years old and have been an active radio amateur ever since.

I would like to express the following points :

a) I am deeply concerned that amateur radio may be "dumbed down" to the point where it's a free for all along the lines of PMR446.

b) Only those who pass an examination are issued licences.

c) No amateur operation is permissible without a valid licence.

d) I do not object to the idea of a licence for life, in a similar manner to the original driving licence. This would reduce the administrative burden of an annual licence.