

## Technician Test Abbreviations

**AM**= Amplitude Modulations  
**AMSAT**=Amateur Satellite group that builds, launches & coordinates amateur satellites  
**APRS**= Automatic Position Reporting System  
**ARES**= Amateur Radio Emergency Service (non governmental agencies e.g. Red Cross)  
**ARS**= Amateur Radio Service  
**CQ**= calling any station used on High Frequency bands, not on repeaters  
**CSCE**= Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination  
**CTCSS**= Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System  
**CW**= Continuous Wave or MORSE Code  
**DX**= Distant Station  
**FCC**= Federal Communications Commission (Federal agency that issues amateur radio licenses)  
**FM**= Frequency Modulation  
**Giga**= Billion  
**GPS**= Global Positioning System  
**HF**= High Frequency 3 Mhz to 30 Mhz  
**IRLP**= Internet Radio Linking Project  
**ITU**= International Telecommunication Union  
**Kilo**= Thousand  
**LEO**= Low Earth Orbit (Satellites)  
**LSB**= Lower Side Band  
**Mega**= Million  
**Mili**= One thousandth  
**Micro**= One millionth  
**NCS**= Net Control Station  
**NTSC**= Standard Fast Scan Color Television Signal  
**Part 97**=Section of Federal Rules that govern the Amateur Radio Service  
**PEP**= Peak Envelope Power (Antenna radiation)  
**PL**= Private Line or Tone Squelch  
**PSK**= Phase Shift Keying  
**QRM**= Receiving interference from other stations  
**QSO**= Conversation or radio contact  
**QSY**= Changing frequencies  
**RACES**= Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Service (governmental agencies e.g. County OES)  
**RF**= Radio Frequency  
**RIT**= Receiver Incremental Tuning  
**SSB**= Single Side Band is a form of AM (amplitude modulations)  
**SWR**= Standing Wave Ratio  
**USB**= Upper Side Band  
**UHF**= Ultra High Frequency 300 Mhz to 3 Ghz  
**VE**= Volunteer Examiner  
**VEC**= Volunteer Examiner Coordinator such as American Radio Relay League  
**VHF**= Very High Frequency 30 Mhz to 300 Mhz  
**VOIP**= Voice Over Internet Protocol