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FCC ANNOUNCES 1997 MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT FEE FOR AN AMATEUR OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION

The FCC announced today that effective January 1, 1997, the maximum allowable reimbursement fee for an amateur operator license examination will be \$6.26. This amount is based upon a 3.003% increase in the Department of Labor Consumer Price Index between September, 1995, and September, 1996.

Volunteer examiners (VEs) and volunteer-examiner coordinators (VECs) may charge examinees for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in preparing, processing, administering, or coordinating examinations for amateur operator licenses. The amount of any such reimbursement fee from any one examinee for any one examination session, regardless of the number of elements administered, must not exceed the maximum allowable fee. Where the VEs and the VEC both desire reimbursement, they jointly decide upon a fair distribution of the fee.

This announcement is made pursuant to Section 97.527 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.527.

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