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Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System Member Application Form

The Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System [CFARS] has limited openings in specific regions throughout Canada and only Licensed Amateur Radio Operators that meet the outlined prerequisites will be entertained.

The applicant must currently hold HF Phone Privileges and those with the authority to utilize HF power amplifiers are preferred. Questions as to your license limitations and authority may be addressed to either an Accredited Examiner or the Amateur Radio Services Branch in Ottawa at toll-free 1-888-780-3333.

Other basic prerequisites (at this time) include;
[1] Long-range HF communications are required, preferably Advanced Amateurs with high power capability and the appropriate antenna systems. only those Amateur stations possessing this ability should consider applying.
[2] Applicants with the computer and electronic knowledge to interconnect to HF transceivers that enable them to install and operate various computer programs to transmit and receive various data modes. Digital means of messaging are now a prerequisite for CFARS Membership.
[3] Communication Operating Procedures, are in place for CFARS (ACP125G) and will be adhered to. Individuals that are unable or unwilling to operate under circuit discipline or adhere to the rules governing its operation need not apply.
[4] CFARS members are required to maintain their radio station at an operational level and normally be available for unscheduled or emergency communication requirements 24/7/365.
[5] Members are required to periodically participate in scheduled exercises conducted by CFARS or in support of other agencies and they will check into the weekly HF nets. Prolonged neglect or nonparticipation of these requirements may lead to cancellation of the member's call sign.
[6] As all of the CFARS frequency assignment fall outside of the Amateur radio bands, applicants must be prepared to have their equipment modified accordingly.

Each application will be reviewed and weighed by those guidelines outlined above, as well as the CFARS current and long-range requirements for stations located at strategic locations and/or other pertinent prerequisites.

The applicant shall be advised (normally by e-mail) on receipt of the application and may at that time be asked for amplification on specifics in support of their submission. We may also attempt to inform you on the potential of your acceptance at that time. Except for exceptional circumstances [such as wanting to withdraw an application], we ask that no further e-mails or follow-up requests be directed to the CFARS.

Completed application form can be sent via email to: membership@cfars.net

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Amateur Radio Call Sign(s):

License Class: ☐ Advanced ☐ Basic with HF ☐ Morse Code

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Hardline Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

E-mail Addresses(s):

Full description of your current HF radio equipment to include type of transceiver, HF amplifier, HF bands covered and data capabilities etc:

Description of your current HF antenna system(s) to include height of beams, dipoles, bands covered, and what long haul coverage you normally have?

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Additional information such as previous Military service, communication courses and other comments or information in support of your application: i.e. ICS level and other Emergency courses.