



Advice for aspiring new hams !

- 1.) Go to <http://hackgreensdr.org:8901/> a free site that lets you use a state of the art software defined radio. You can listen in to hams on any band in any mode.
- 2.) Listen listen listen and read read read!
- 3.) Get yourself a login to qrv.com and starting logging the calls you hear as a shortwave listener
- 4.) Join the National Shortwave Listeners club and sign up for a course <https://swl.ie/>
- 5.) Go through the IRTS exam material <https://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?training>
- 6.) Download the program QADV it's free to down load from lots of sites. For example <https://qadv.software.informer.com/>
Some of the questions are UK centric but all the tech questions are 100% relevant as soon as you're able to comfortably score 70-80% on each of the modules you are totally ready to ace the Irish exam. All you need to do is brush up on the Irish stuff on the IRTS website.
- 7.) Start by doing the questions in the 1st module and googling for answers, making notes around the right answer and why. It typically took 3-4 passes to be hitting 60-70%, then I would move onto the next module and so on until I could hit 60-70%. Then I did about 5-6 mixed run throughs till I was hitting 70%, going back over my notes when I got a question wrong.
- 8.) You can also learn about data modes. Learn to use programs like mmtty or jtdx to listen in on data mode communication on the hack green sdr or even robot36 or similar for slowscantv (SSTV)
- 9.) Best of luck and most if all have fun and discover the parts if the hobby that you like the best. There are lots of general facebook ham groups.....too many to mention!
Just search for Ham radio.

SOTA pages on FB

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617572191607549>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/37631909313>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/326575377530980>

QRP pages on FB

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/qrpradio>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/205574920201>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/880603148788169>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/yaesu817group>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1576444765759000>