

Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign

I passed total three amateur radio license examinations as below, continuously in a short term.

Amateur Radio License	Exam date	Place	Fee	Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC)	Granted
Technician	1/14/2012 (Sat)	De Anza Park 1150 Lime Drive Sunnyvale, CA	\$15	Sunnyvale	1/19/2012 (Thu)
General Class	1/21/12 (Sat)	Redwood City Main Library 1044 Middlefield Redwood City, CA			1/23/12 (Mon)
Extra	2/11/2012 (Sat)	De Anza Park 1150 Lime Drive Sunnyvale, CA			2/13/2012 (Mon)

Call sign automatically given by FCC (Federal Communications Commission) when I passed technician class exam was KJ6TMZ, a sequential call sign.

As soon as granted the extra class license, I checked the vanity call sign conditions (see next page) and the data base of call signs on FCC site to see if nobody used. Then, I chose [AJ6TN](#) (America Japan 6 Tetsuji Noriko; Noriko is my wife's name as well as considering crisp and clear morse code ending da (T) da-di (N) in US sound, tsu (T) tsu-to (N) in Japanese sound) and requested it to FCC paying the application fee of \$14.20.

Such attractive vanity (specific) call sign system does not exist in Japan. Only a serially (sequentially) assigned call sign such as KJ6TMZ is bestowed. No flexible thinking in Japan!

Vanity call sign request conditions

AJ6TN is eligible if not in use.

Extra Class		
Prefix	Region	Suffix
K, N, W	1-10	AA-ZZ
AA-AL, KA-KZ, NA-NZ, WA-WZ		A-Z
AA-AL		AA-ZZ
AL, KL, NL, WL	11	A-Z
KP, NP, WP	12	A-Z
AH, KH, NH, WH	13	A-Z

General and Technician Class		
Prefix	Region	Suffix
KA-KZ, NA-NZ, WA-WZ	1-10	AAA-ZZZ
KL, NL, WL	11	AA-ZZ
NP, WP	12	AA-ZZ
KH, NH, WH	13	AA-ZZ

Region	States & Areas	
1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	
2	New Jersey, New York	
3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania	
4	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia	
5	Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	
6	California	
7	Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming	
8	Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia	
9	Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin	
10	Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota	
11	Alaska (KL9KAA-KL9KHZ is reserved for assignment to U.S. personnel stationed in Korea)	
12	Caribbean Insular areas	Navassa Island
		Virgin Islands
		Commonwealth of Puerto Rico except Desecheo Island
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13	Hawaii and Pacific Insular areas	Baker or Howland Island
		Guam
		Johnston Island
		Midway Island
		Palmyra or Jarvis Island
		Kingman Reef
		Hawaii except Kure Island
		Kure Island
		American Samoa
		Wake, Wilkes, or Peale Island
		Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands