

Federal Communications Commission

FCC Encyclopedia



AM Broadcast Station Classes; Clear, Regional, and Local Channels

Contents

Introduction

Classes for U.S. AM Broadcast Stations

Clear, Regional, and Local Channels; Steps to Follow to Determine the Domestic Class

The Region 2 Class

Old to New Class Conversions

Introduction Back to Top

There are two fields in the CDBS database and the AM Query which involve the class of station. They are:

o The Domestic Class (or class of the station with respect to other U.S. stations), which is generally the class of station defined in Section 73.21

o The Region 2 Class, which is generally the class of station as defined in the Region 2 [Western Hemisphere] AM Agreement. This class also corresponds to the class in the 1984 U.S.-Canadian AM Agreement and the 1986 U.S.-Mexican Agreement. cited in Joffe V. Google, Inc. N

Classes for U.S. AM Broadcast Stations

Back to Top

In MM Docket 87-267, the Commission reclassified all domestic [United States] AM stations. These classes are A, B, C, and D. Generally, all U.S. records will have both a Domestic Class and a Region 2 Class. For U.S. stations, the Region 2 Class can be derived from the Domestic Class. Therefore, we explain how to derive the Domestic Class first.

The AM band frequencies are divided into three categories: Clear, Regional, and Local channels. The allowable classes depend on a station's frequency, in addition to other variables. On the Clear channels certain stations are specifically classified as Class A stations or as Class B stations. The other stations have their class determined by their frequency.

Classes of AM stations are defined as follows:

- · Class A Station. A Class A station is an unlimited time station (that is, it can broadcast 24 hours per day) that operates on a clear channel. The operating power shall not be less than 10 kilowatts (kW) or more than 50 kW.
- · Class B Station. A Class B station is an unlimited time station. Class B stations are authorized to operate with a minimum power of 0.250 kW (250 watts) and a maximum power of 50 kW. (If a Class B station operates with less than 0.250 kW, the RMS must be equal to or greater than 141 mV/m at 1 km for the actual power.) If the station is authorized to operate in the expanded band (1610 to 1700 kHz), the maximum power is 10 kW.
- · Class C Station. A Class C station is an unlimited time station that operates on a local channel. The power shall not be less than 0.25 kW nor more than 1 kW. Class C stations that are licensed to operate with 0.100 kW may continue to operate as licensed.
- Class D Station. A Class D station operates either daytime, limited time, or unlimited time with a nighttime power less than 0.250 kW and an equivalent RMS antenna field less than 141 mV/m at 1 km for the actual power. Class D stations shall operate with daytime powers not less than 0.250 kW nor more than 50 kW. NOTE: If a station is an existing daytime-only station, its class will be Class D.

Steps to Follow to Determine the Domestic Class

If you don't want to use the easy way to determine the station's domestic class (via the AM Query), here's the steps to follow to determine the class. A table of which frequencies are *Clear, Regional*, or *Local* is included below.

Determine which frequency the station is on (or is proposing) and also determine whether the station is one of the ones with a
specifically defined class (see the right column in the table below). Following is a list, by frequency, which lists the specific Class A
or Class B stations, along with the available classes for the other stations:

Clear				
The USA, reserved for low power AM Travellers' Information Static Clear	Channel Type		Available	_
Clear			1	
Regional 550 B,D Regional 560 B,D Regional 570 B,D Regional 580 B,D Regional 590 B,D Regional 600 B,D Regional 620 B,D Regional 630 B,D Clear 640 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KPAN, Regional 630 B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) Clear 640 A,B,D WFM, Reshville, Th: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WFM, Reshville, MR: Class A (I-N) Clear 670 A,B,D WFM, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KOLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KOLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KOR, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBR, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KBR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) </td <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>In the USA, reserved for low power AM Travellers' Information Stations</td>				In the USA, reserved for low power AM Travellers' Information Stations
Regional 560 8,D Regional S70 8,D Regional 570 8,D Regional 590 8,D Regional 690 Regional 600 8,D Regional 620 8,D Regional 630 8,D Regional Regional 630 Regional 630 Regional Regional 630 Regional Reg			 	
Regional 570 B,D Regional 580 B,D Regional 590 B,D Regional 600 B,D Regional 610 B,D Regional 630 B,D Clear 640 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KEAR, All This Class A (I-A) KENR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENR, Ashriday, AK: Class A (I-A) KENR, Fairbaye, AK: Class A (I-A) KEAR, Fairbaye, AK: Class A (I-A) KENR, Fairbaye, AK: Class A (I-A) KBOI, Boise, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KBOI, Boise, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KIRA, Fairbaye, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBOI, Boise, Idaho: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-A) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-A) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-A) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-A) KIRO, Clear 730 <	Regional	550	B,D	
Regional 580 B, D Regional 590 B, D Regional 600 B, D Regional 610 B, D Regional 620 B, D Regional 630 B, D Clear 640 A, B, D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KILOR KIRO, Boiles, Idaho: Class B (II-A) Clear 670 A, B, D KIRO, Boiles, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KIRO, Boiles, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KIRO, Boiles, Idaho: Class A (I-B) KRRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, II: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-A) KOLear 730 A, B, D <t< td=""><td>Regional</td><td>560</td><td>B,D</td><td></td></t<>	Regional	560	B,D	
Regional 590 B,D Regional 600 B,D Regional 610 B,D Regional 620 B,D Clear 640 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) Clear 650 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) Clear 650 A,B,D WSM, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-A) KERY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KERY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 660 A,B,D WFAN, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-A) KDRR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KBR, Ranchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KDRW, Rew York, NY: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KDRW, Albuquerque, AK: Class A (I-B) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Albuquerque, AK: Class A (I-A) KOPA, AB,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KROB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) <td>Regional</td> <td>570</td> <td>B,D</td> <td></td>	Regional	570	B,D	
Regional 600 B,D Regional 610 B,D Regional 620 B,D Regional 630 B,D Clear 640 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-N) WSM, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 660 A,B,D WFAN, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-N) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-N) KBOI, Boise, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KNBR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KOPA, B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KOPA, B,D KSPA, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KOPA, A,B,D KSPA, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KIROB, A,B,D KSPA, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KPQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) <td>Regional</td> <td>580</td> <td>B,D</td> <td></td>	Regional	580	B,D	
Regional 610 B,D Regional 620 B,D Regional 630 B,D Clear 640 A,B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KENY, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KINBR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KINBR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBOL, Boise, Idaho: Class B (II-A) KINBR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KODE, Clear 730 A,B,D KIRO, KODE, Albance, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KODE, AB,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A)	Regional	590	B,D	
Regional 620 B, D Regional 630 B, D Clear 640 A, B, D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-N) WSM, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-A) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-N) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-N) KKDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KOLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KKDR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Ranchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KBPR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Ranchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KBRW, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 730 A,B,D Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 760 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KKQD, Alborage, AK: Class A (I-A)	Regional	600	B,D	
Regional G30 B,D KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-N) KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-N) KYUK, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KENR, Fairbanks, AK: Class	Regional	610	B,D	
Clear	Regional	620	B,D	
Clear	Regional	630	B,D	
Clear 650 A,B,D WSM, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-N) WSM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-N) WSM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-N) WSM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-N) WSM, Class A (I-N) WSM, Chicago, AK: Class A (I-N) WSM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)	Clear	640	A.B.D	KFI, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-A)
Clear 660 A,B,D WFAN, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-B) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-B) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-B) WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-B) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Clear 720 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KDLG, ALCON KDLG,		J.0	- 1, - 10	KYUK, Bethel, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear 660 A,B,D WFAN, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-B) KDLG, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WORN, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 730 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KPQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A)	Clear	650	A,B,D	WSM, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-A)
Clear 660 A,B,D WFAN, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KFAR, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class B (II-A) KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class A (I-B) KDLG, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) KDRW, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WORN, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 730 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KPQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, II: Class A (I-A) KNOB, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A)			,-	KENY, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear 670	Clear	660	A,B,D	WFAN, New York, NY: Class A(PA)
Clear 670 A,B,D KNBR, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-N) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-N) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 740 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KORO, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)			' '	11-11-00
Clear 680 A,B,D KNBK, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-N) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 700 A,B,D WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) Clear 710 A,B,D WGN, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) WBQD, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) Regional 790 B,D	_		ade	WMANO Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A)
Clear 680 A,B,D KNBK, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-N) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 700 A,B,D WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) Clear 710 A,B,D WGN, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) WBQD, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	670	A,B,OOO91°	KDLG, Dillingham, AK: Class (I-N)
Clear 680 A,B,D KNBK, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-N) KBRW, Barrow, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 700 A,B,D WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) Clear 710 A,B,D WGN, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) WBQD, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) Regional 790 B,D		cited in so		KBOI, Boise, Idano: Class B (II-A)
Clear 690 A,B,D Clear 700 A,B,D WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) Clear 710 A,B,D WGN, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 730 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)	Clear			KNBK, San Francisco, CA: Class A (1-B)
Clear 700 A,B,D WLW, Cincinatti, OH: Class A (I-A) KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)	Class:	600	4.0.0	RBRW, Barrow, AR: Class A (1-N)
Clear 700 A,B,D KBYR, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 710 A,B,D WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 730 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)	Clear	690	A,B,D	MILW Cincinnetti Olli Class A (T.A)
Clear 710 A,B,D WOR, New York, NY: Class A (I-B) KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class B (II-A) WABC, New York, NY: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	700	A,B,D	
Clear 710 A,B,D KIRO, Seattle, WA: Class A (I-B) Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 730 A,B,D Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)				
WGN, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A)	Clear	710	A,B,D	
Clear 720 A,B,D KOTZ, Kotzebue, AK: Class A (I-N) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-A) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)				
KDWN, Las Vegas, NV: Class B (II-A) Clear 730 A,B,D Clear 740 A,B,D Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	720	A,B,D	
Clear 740 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D				
Clear 750 A,B,D WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A) KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	730	A,B,D	
Clear 750 A,B,D KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	740	A,B,D	
KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N) Clear 760 A,B,D WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A) Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D				WSB, Atlanta, GA: Class A (I-A)
Clear 770 A,B,D WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A) KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear 750	A,B,D	KFQD, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N)	
Clear 770 A,B,D KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Clear	760	A,B,D	WJR, Detroit, MI: Class A (I-A)
KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A) WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Class	770	A D D	WABC, New York, NY: Class A (I-A)
Clear 780 A,B,D KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N) KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D	Ciear	//0	A,B,D	KKOB, Albuquerque, NM: Class B (II-A)
KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A) Regional 790 B,D				WBBM, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A)
Regional 790 B,D	Clear	780	A,B,D	KNOM, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N)
				KKOH, Reno, NV: Class B (II-A)
Classic Cook A P P	Regional	790	B,D	
Clear 800 A,B,D	Clear	800	A,B,D	
Clear 810 A,B,D KGO, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B)	Clear	810	ARD	KGO, San Francisco, CA: Class A (I-B)
WGY, Schenectady, NY: Class A (I-B)		010	~,0,0	WGY, Schenectady, NY: Class A (I-B)

Clear	820	A,B,D	WBAP, Fort Worth, TX: Class A (I-A) KCBF, Fairbanks, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear	830	A,B,D	WCCO, Minneapolis, MN: Class A (I-A)
Clear	030	A, B, D	WHAS, Louisville, KY: Class A (I-A)
Clear	840	A,B,D	KABN, Long Island, AK: Class A (I-N)
			KOA, Denver, CO: Class A (I-B)
Clear	850	A,B,D	KICY, Nome, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear	860	A,B,D	
Clear	870	A,B,D	WWL, New Orleans, LA: Class A (I-A)
Clear	870	А, Б, Б	KSKO, McGrath, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear	880	A,B,D	WCBS, New York, NY: Class A (I-A)
			KRVN, Lexington, NE: Class B (II-A)
			WLS, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A)
Clear	890	A,B,D	KBBI, Homer, AK: Class A (I-N)
_	Ì		KDXU, St. George, UT: Class B (II-A)
Clear	900	A,B,D	
Regional	910	B,D	
Regional	920	B,D	
Regional	930	B,D	
Clear	940	A,B,D	
Regional	950	B,D	
Regional	960	B,D	
Regional	970	B,D	
Regional	980	B,D	20 2013
Clear	990	A,B,D	ceptember 20,
Clear	1000	A,B,D	WLUP, Chicago, IL: Class A (I-A) eptember 20, 2013 KOMO, Seattle WA? Class A (I-B)
Clear	1010	ARD	Inc. No. 11-11
	1020d in Joff	e v. Google	KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA: Class A (I-A)
Clear	1020d in Jon	A,B,D	KCKN, Roswell, NM: Class B (II-A)
			KAXX, Eagle River, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear	1030	A,B,D	WBZ, Boston, MA: Class A (I-A)
			KTWO, Casper, WY: Class B (II-A)
Clear	1040	A,B,D	WHO, Des Moines, IA: Class A (I-A)
Clear	1050	A,B,D	
Clear	1060	A,B,D	KYW, Philadelphia, PA: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1070	A,B,D	KNX, Los Angeles, CA: Class A (I-B)
Closs	1080	A,B,D	WTIC, Hartford, CT: Class A (I-B) KRLD, Dallas, TX: Class A (I-B)
Clear			KKLD, Dallas, TX: Class A (I-B) KASH, Anchorage, AK: Class A (I-N)
			KAAY, Little Rock, AR: Class A (I-N)
Clear	1090	A,B,D	WBAL, Baltimore, MD: Class A (I-B)
			WTAM, Cleveland, OH: Class A (I-A)
Clear	1100	A,B,D	KNZZ, Grand Junction, CO: Class B (II-A)
Clear 1110 A,B,D			WBT, Charlotte, NC: Class A (I-B)
		A,B,D	KFAB, Omaha, NE: Class A (I-B)
GI	1126		KMOX, St. Louis, MO: Class A (I-A)
Clear	1120	A,B,D	KPNW, Eugene, OR: Class B (II-A)
Clear 1130		A,B,D	KWKH, Shreveport, LA: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1130	۸,۵,۵	WNEW, New York, NY: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1140	A,B,D	WRVA, Richmond, VA: Class A (I-B)
Regional	1150	B,D	
Clear	1160	A,B,D	KSL, Salt Lake City, UT: Class A (I-A)
	1	i	

I	ı		MACO Tales OV. Class & (T.D.)
Clear	1170	A B B	KVOO, Tulsa, OK: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1170	A,B,D	WWVA, Wheeling, WV: Class A (I-B)
			KJNP, North Pole, AK: Class A (I-N)
Clear	1180	A,B,D	WHAM, Rochester, NY: Class A (I-A) KOFI, Kalispell, MT: Class B (II-A)
Clear	1190	A,B,D	KEX, Portland, OR: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1200	A,B,D	WOAI, San Antonio, TX: Class A (I-A)
		. ,	WPHT, Philadelphia, PA: Class A (I-A)
Clear	1210	A,B,D	KGYN, Guymon, OK: Class B (II-A)
Clear	1220	A,B,D	
Regional	1230	В	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI
Local	1230	С	Stations in coterminous 48 states
Regional	1240	В	Stations in AK, HI, PR and the U.S. VI
Local	1240	С	Stations in coterminous 48 states
Regional	1250	B,D	
Regional	1260	B,D	
Regional	1270	B,D	
Regional	1280	B,D	
Regional	1290	B,D	
	1300	-	
Regional		B,D	
Regional	1310	B,D	
Regional	1320	B,D	
Regional	1330	B,D	
Regional	1340	В	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI
Local	1340	С	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the coterminous 48 states ber 20, 2013 Stations in the coterminous 48 states ber 20, 2013 Inc. No. 11-17483 archived on September 20, 2013
Regional	1350	B,D	archived on Ser
Regional	1360	B,D	11-17483 are
Regional	1370	B,D	Inc. No.
Regional	1380 Joff	B ,/ D	
Regional	1390	B,D	
Regional	1400	В	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI
Local	1400	С	Stations in the coterminous 48 states
D			
Regional	1410		
	1410 1420	B,D	
Regional	1420	B,D B,D	
Regional Regional	1420 1430	B,D B,D B,D	
Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440	B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in AK HT PR and the U.S. VI
Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450	B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the coterminous 48 states
Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450	B,D B,D B,D B,D B	Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the coterminous 48 states
Regional Regional Regional Regional Local Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450	B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B	
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460	B,D B,D B,D B,D B C B,D	
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B) WLAC, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B) WLAC, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-B) KGA, Spokane, WA: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500 1510	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B) WLAC, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-B) KGA, Spokane, WA: Class A (I-B) WWKB, Buffalo, NY: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B) WLAC, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-B) WGA, Spokane, WA: Class A (I-B) WWKB, Buffalo, NY: Class A (I-B) KOMA, Oklahoma City, OK: Class A (I-B)
Regional Regional Regional Regional Local Regional Regional Regional Regional Clear Clear	1420 1430 1440 1450 1450 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500 1510	B,D B,D B,D B C B,D B,D B,D B,D C A,B,D A,B,D	Stations in the coterminous 48 states Stations in AK, HI, PR, and the U.S. VI Stations in the conterminous 48 states WTOP, Washington, DC: Class A (I-B) KSTP, St. Paul, MN: Class A (I-B) WLAC, Nashville, TN: Class A (I-B) KGA, Spokane, WA: Class A (I-B) WWKB, Buffalo, NY: Class A (I-B) KOMA, Oklahoma City, OK: Class A (I-B) KFBK, Sacramento, CA: Class A (I-B)

Clear	1560	A,B,D	KNZR, Bakersfield, CA: Class A (I-B)
			WQEW, New York, NY: Class A (I-B)
Clear	1570	A,B,D	
Clear	1580	A,B,D	
Regional	1590	B,D	
Regional	1600	B,D	
Regional	1610	B,D	
Regional	1620	B,D	
Regional	1630	B,D	
Regional	1640	B,D	
Regional	1650	B,D	
Regional	1660	B,D	
Regional	1670	B,D	
Regional	1680	B,D	
Regional	1690	B,D	
Regional	1700	B,D	

2. If the station is specifically listed in the table on the actual frequency in the actual city, then the Domestic Class for the station is defined on the above list. (Call sign changes don't matter, the classification remains with the *station*, not the call sign.)

Note that all the former Class I-N stations are located in Alaska, while all the former Class I-A and former Class I-B stations are located only in the coterminous 48 states. Only in Alaska might it be possible to assign new Class A stations.

- 3. If the station of interest is not specifically listed above on the actual frequency in the actual city of the Domestic Class must be determined from the available classes for the frequency:
 - o If the available classes are A, B, and D, then the Domestic Class will be Class B. It cannot be Class A because all of the Class A stations are listed above. It cannot be Class D because the Commission will not authorize new Class D stations (unless the station had been previously licensed as Class B and the station is downgrading to its nighttime operation to Class D.)

If the station is an existing day time-only station, the class will be Class D.

• If the available classes are B and D, then the Domestic Class will be Class B. It cannot be Class D because the Commission will not authorize new Class D stations (unless the station had been previously licensed as Class B and the station is downgrading to its nighttime operation to Class D.)

If the station is an existing daytime-only station, the class will be Class D.

- If the available classes are B and C, then the Domestic Class will generally be Class C. However, if the station is in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, then the Domestic Class is Class B.
- 4. The rules adopted in MM Docket 87-267 allow existing unlimited-time Class B (formerly Class II and III) stations to voluntarily reclassify their *nighttime* operations to Class D if they find it advantageous to do so. This is the ONLY instance where new Class D stations are allowed. [Existing Class D daytime-only stations will remain so classified.]

An AM station can have only one licensed class. The licensed daytime class cannot be different than the licensed nighttime class. If the station is downgrading its *nighttime* operation to Class D, then the construction permit will have a different class than the license. Once the construction permit becomes licensed as Class D, then any licensed daytime record will be changed to Class D also.

The Region 2 Class

Back to Top

Once the Domestic Class has been obtained, the Region 2 Class is easily determined:

Domestic Class	Region 2 Class		
А	Α		
В	В		
С	С		
D	В		

Old to New Class Conversions Back to Top

Because the old classifications for AM broadcast stations will be encountered in older documents pertaining to AM radio, we have provided this conversion table for your convenience:

Old Domestic Class	New Domestic Class	
I	A	
п	В	
ш	В	
IV	С	
II-S	D	
III-S	D	
II-D	D	
(Daytime only)		

14-17483 archived on September 20, 2013

Questions on AM Broadcast Stations may be directed to the Audio Division at (202) 418-2700.

FCC > Media Bureau > Audio Division



Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

Phone: 1-888-225-5322 TTY: 1-888-835-5322 Fax: 1-866-418-0232

Privacy Policy Moderation Policy Website Policies & Notices Required Browser & Plug-ins FOIA FCC Digital Strategy
Open Government Directive
Plain Writing Act
2009 Recovery and Reinvestment Act
RSS Feeds & Email Updates
Disability Rights