Probationary Period—Morse Restrictions Lifted

JUST before this issue went to press on November 11, 1955, the G.P.O. advised the Society that the P.M.G. had decided that he will no longer require newly licensed amateurs to confine their activities to Morse working during the first year they hold a licence. This arrangement becomes effective immediately and letters will be sent in due course to the amateurs concerned amending their licences. It will no longer be necessary for amateurs to submit log-books to the G.P.O. for inspection.

The G.P.O. emphasise that there can be no relaxation of the Morse qualifications required before an amateur licence is granted and that applicants for such licences must continue to satisfy the P.M.G. that they can send and receive signals in the Morse code at the rate of 12 w.p.m.

The P.M.G. regards this concession in the nature of an experiment and reserves the right to reimpose restrictions on the use of telephony by newly licensed amateurs if, in his view, such a course is necessary or desirable.

Members may like to know that this very important concession has been brought about as a direct result of discussions between representatives of the Post Office and the Society.—J. C.