

Getting an FCC License

Step 1: Get your FRN

FRN Instruction page:

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

CORES Login page:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do> (here you will create your account by following the instructions)

Step 2: Get a license

Now that you have your FRN you can get a license.

A HAM (Amateur Radio) License requires a test. The nearest testing location is in Grand Junction, but first you will want to take some practice exams. <https://hamradioprep.com/free-ham-radio-practice-tests/> is a good place to get instruction and practice taking the tests. Once you are ready to take the test you can find a testing location and time at <http://arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>. Once you present your FRN to the examiner, pay the fee and pass your test your information is sent to the FCC. In a few days your license will be sent via email.

A GMRS License requires no test but does require a \$35 fee for a ten year license. Use your FRN and FRN password to log into the license manager at <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp>. Once logged in select "ZA- General Radio Mobile (GMRS)". Continue on to the following pages and pay for the license. The license will come via email in a few days.

I recommend getting both a HAM and GMRS license. The Technician class amateur radio license has a minimum amount of technical material in the test. Nothing which can not be memorized. There is very little difference in the privileges for a General class and a Technician class licensee in the 2 meter and 70 cm bands. The Amateur Radio License will allow you to get full use of your radio.