How to Obtain an Official FCC License Copy

On December 30, 2020, the FCC Wireless Services ceased the printing of paper licenses. The FCC will now only provide these documents electronically through email.

There are a number of ways a license holder can obtain an official FCC copy of their license. The official license will display the FCC logo and the watermark "Official Copy" will be splayed across each page of an official authorization from FCC.

Detailed instructions and resources are located on the FCC website:

[How to obtain FCC license copy](#)

[ULS Resources](#)

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Instructions

Choose the Method that's Right For You

1. Download and Print License: Log into the FCC ULS License Manager System with the FRN (FCC Registration Number) and password to 'Download the Electronic Authorization' of your official license. On the 'Download Electronic Authorizations' page the license holder will add their call sign to the 'Authorizations to Download' and then click download. The PDF of the license can be saved to a

computer and printed later or the file can be opened and printed immediately.

Clubs will login to the FCC ULS License Manager System using the club's FRN (FCC Registration Number) and the club's CORES/License password and follow the same steps above.

If you don't have the password to login, visit FCC's password reset page https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/enterFrnForPwdReset.do or call the CORES help desk for password reset instructions. FCC CORES/FRN Help Line: 877-480-3201 (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET).

Licensees can log into the ULS License Manager System with their 10-digit FRN (FCC Registration Number) and password at any time to view and manage your license and applications, print your license, and update anything in your FCC license record, including adding an email address.

Detailed instructions can be found on the FCC's How to obtain FCC license copy webpage.

2. Receive License via Email: When modifying, renewing, or updating a license, a licensee who already has an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and provides a valid email address under "Applicant Information" while logged in to the ULS system will receive an official ULS-

generated electronic authorization via email. Clubs that enter a valid email address on a 605-C Club application form will receive an electronic authorization via email.

The action of adding a valid email address into the FCC system is mandatory and can also be performed by a VEC filing new, upgraded, modified or renewed licenses on behalf of applicants or clubs. All exam applicants are required to include a valid email address on their NCVEC 605 form, in order to receive their license electronically.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Use the Universal Licensing System landing page for searches, filings, and payments.

An unofficial "reference copy" can always be printed from the FCC's ULS License database License Search web page.

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Forgot your password? For questions or password issues, contact the CORES/FRN Tech Support, (877) 480-3201 (Monday – Friday, 1300 – 2300 UTC) or reset the password on the FCC website.

New licensees must register their SSN (social security number) with the FCC and receive an FRN before the exam date. Go Now: FCC Registration and Login

New club station license applicants must register their club information with the FCC and receive an FRN before the club application is submitted to ARRL. This FRN number should be included on the club application form so it can be associated to the new club station license and station call sign.
Go Now: FCC Registration and Login

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