Applying for a License for Your GMRS Radio

What does it cost for a license and how do I apply for one?

Current cost for a license is $35 and is good for 10 years. In order to apply for a license you must first register with the FCC to obtain a FCC Registration Number (FRN). Go to https:// apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do to register for an FRN number. You will be prompted to register and verify a username account prior to obtaining your FRN. No cost is involved in obtaining a FRN number.

Who is authorized to use GMRS radios under this license?

The license covers your entire family; spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles whether living with you or not.

How do I obtain a GMRS license from the FCC?

1. Go to https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp and log in with your FRN and password. On the left side of the page, click the Apply for a New License link.
2. Choose "ZA – General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS)" from the radio service drop-down list.
3. Click Continue to navigate through the application, If you're unsure how to answer some of the questions, use the default values.
4. On the Summary page, review you application and click the Continue to Certify button to continue.
5. On the Certification page, sign your application by typing in your name and click the SUBMIT APPLICATION button. (The Title box is optional.)
6. The form will calculate your fees. Fees for online filing MUST be received within 10 calendar days of the filing.
7. Click CONTINUE FOR Payment OPTIONS button to choose the method of payment.

How long does it take to receive my GMRS license?

Most GMRS licenses are issued within 24 hour and up to two weeks. The FCC Licensing Support Center hours are 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM EST, M – F.

Does the FCC send me a copy of my license?

If you do not receive a copy in your email, you will need to download an official copy of your license and new Call Sign from the FCC.

1. Go to https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp and log in with your FRN number and password.
2. Click the "Download Electronic Authorizations" link on the navigation bar on the left side of the License Manager home page.
3. In the My Authorizations box at the bottom of the page, select the call sign(s) you wish to download.
4. Add the call sign(s) to the *Authorizations to Download* box by clicking the Add button.
5. Click the Download button in the lower right-hand corner of the page.

The download will be automatically converted to a PDF file, and you can choose to Open (to print) or Save (to save to a desired folder).