How do I?

## An occasional series

This week: FCC Compliance Add my email address to the ULS system

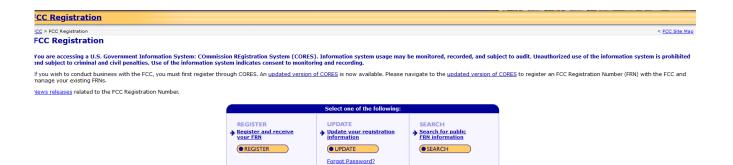
A tip of the hat to Wayne, K4TTZ for inspiring this week's article!

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is the regulatory body of the US Government having authority over amateur radio. Your license is issued by the FCC.

In order to take an exam you must be registered with the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and have a 10 digit FCC Registration Number (FRN).

FRN numbers have been required for about 15 years or so. So that is somewhat a moot point. Every licensed amateur should already have an FCC FRN.

If you are preparing to become a first-time licensed Amateur Radio Operator you will be applying for a FCC Registration Number. Do so by going to: https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do



Click on the REGISTER link.

Provide the requested information – Name, Address, provide a password of your choice, select a Personal Security Question and provide its answer.

Press SUBMIT to register.

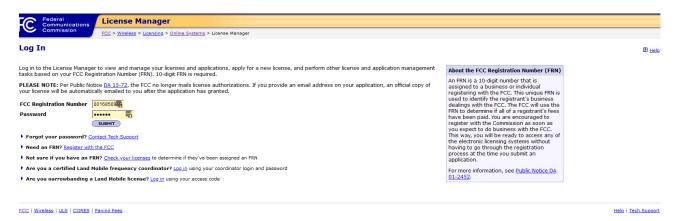
Save your newly assigned FRN. Save the Password you provided. You will need this information each time you transact business with the FCC. A new requirement in 2021 is that all amateurs must have a valid eMail address on file in their ULS record. The FCC will use this eMail address for all electronic correspondence with the licensee. If FCC eMail correspondence is undeliverable you may find that your license will be cancelled by the FCC.

Does this sound like you ....?

"I earned my ham radio license many years ago – before eMail even existed. How do I get my eMail address into my ULS record?"

Go to the link shown on Page 1. Click the UPDATE link. Note: Using the first webpage gave our author password errors. The same user name and password worked fine at the second webpage

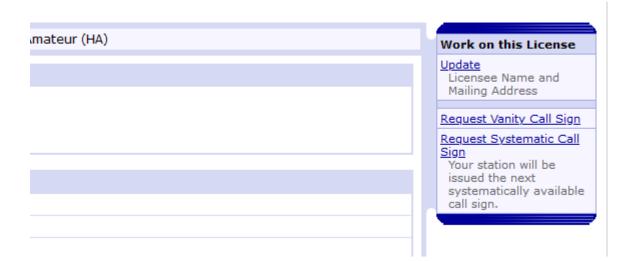
Or, go to this link: https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp



Once there, type your FRN and its Password. Press SUBMIT.

You will see your license info.

- If your eMail address appears in the center of the page under RADIO SERVICE, you are good. Locate and click the LOG OUT button in the upper-left corner..
- If not, go further to the right, click on UPDATE and it will lead you through the editing process.



The first page asks about fees. **THERE IS NO FEE TO ADD an EMAIL ADDRESS or TO CHANGE an address!** Answer both questions NO, then CONTINUE

Fill in any part of your information that you wish to update, then CONTINUE.

You will be shown a summary and then asked to confirm. Do so.

When done, click the SUBMIT button and you are once again in compliance!

[Editor's Note: Because nothing in my FCC profile needs to be updated I am unable to validate the specific wording and actions associated with the last few screens. Do what is right and you will be fine.]

A note on fees. Congress has mandated the FCC collect a license fee from all amateurs for new, renewed and upgraded licenses. The initial proposal called for a \$50 fee in conjunction with a 10 year license term. The current plan, not yet in effect as of this writing, calls for a \$35 fee. The fee will be collected by the FCC, not by the VE team at the license exam site. At this point it is not known when the FCC will begin to collect the fee.

There seems to be some concern about the need to provide the FCC your eMail address. While it may seem like one more indication that you don't really exist without a valid eMail address, it is the regulation.

If you want to remain active in the great wide world of amateur radio, you need to have an eMail address on file with the FCC.

As they say -- "Don't like it? Write your Congress Person".

Catch 'ya on the air!