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First-Time Exam Applicants MUST Obtain FCC Registration Number Before Taking Exam

As of **May 20, 2021**, all amateur examination applicants are required to provide an FCC Registration Number (FRN) to the Volunteer Examiners (VEs) BEFORE taking an amateur exam. This is necessary due to changes the FCC has made to its licensing system. Applicants will create an FCC username and account, respond to the verification email from FCC, and then register for the FRN.

Register on the FCC's COmmission REgistration System (CORES): <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/>

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur candidates who already have an FCC license, whether for amateur radio or in another service, already have an FRN and can use the same number. All prospective new FCC licensees, however, will be required to obtain an FRN *before* the examination and provide that number to the volunteer examiners on the Form 605 license application. An FCC instructional video (<https://www.fcc.gov/rofrn>) provides step-by-step instructions on how to obtain an FRN through the FCC's CORES system.

The FRN is required for all new applicants to take an amateur exam and is used afterward by the applicant to download the license document from the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) (<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system>), upgrade the license, apply for a vanity call sign, and to submit administrative updates (such as address and email changes) and renewal applications.

Email Addresses REQUIRED

In addition, **after June 29, 2021** all applications will be required to contain an email address for FCC correspondence. Applicants will receive an email direct from the FCC with a link to the official electronic copy of their license whenever a license is issued or changed. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend. Licensees will be able to log in to the ULS using their FRN and password to download the latest version of their license at any time. The FCC no longer provides paper license documents.

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3. After you have been approved and have been added to the list, you may access your account and change your preferences. If this process does not work, email your name and the email address you wish to receive these updates to **vec@arrrl.org**.



We thank you for your efforts and interest in the ARRL VEC program!