

WHAT IS AN FCC GMRS RADIO LICENSE

AND HOW DO I GET ONE

This license must be for personal use, but it is good for you and your immediate and extended family. See FCC rule [\(c\)\(2\)](#) for the broad definition of family. **The cost for a 10-year license is \$35.**

There are two distinct steps to getting this license, each of which requires a brief amount of time, but be sure you enter information exactly as it is requested, or you will quickly become confused.

The first step is obtaining your FCC Registered Number, otherwise called the FRN. Once you do that, you can move onto the second step, actually getting the GMRS license.

Keep in mind that the FRN number will govern many of your interactions with the FCC, including applying for an Amateur Radio License (“Ham” license) if you decide you want one in the future.

Step 1: Getting your FRN number

Start by going to the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES)
<https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>.

Click “register” and set up your account. Use your primary email, but be prepared to supply a secondary email, as well.

Confirm you are an “individual” and complete the registration form. You will need your Social Security Number or an EIN (Federal Employer Identification Number).

Once you fill out that form, click “submit.” You will then receive your FRN. Once the FRN is issued, however, the FCC will send you a confirmation email and you must send that confirmation before your FRN can be used.

The FRN is 10 digits.

Step 2: Applying for the GMRS license

Go to the FCC “License Manager” page
<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp>.

You will need your FRN number and the password you used to set up your account .

On the License Manager page, choose “Apply for a new license” from the sidebar at the top left corner.

Pay attention here: In the drop-down menu you will see that, though there are a couple of license types that include the letter “G”, the GMRS category is ***all the way at the bottom*** of the dropdown list, called “ZA—General Mobile Radio.” That—and no other—is the license category you want.

Choose that option and complete all the requested information. The system will then direct you back to the CORES page, where you will have to log in again. Choose “managing existing FRNs/FRN Financial/Bills and fees.”

Choose the second option, “View/Make Payment” and choose “make payment.” Follow the instructions for entering credit card information. Once payment has been made, you are finished.

It will take anywhere from a couple of hours to a couple of days for you to receive your license, which will come in an email from the FCC. Do not expect to receive it in the mail. The license will give you your call sign, which will be four letters and three numbers.

You are now licensed to use your GMRS radio!

Please join the Tualatin CERT GMRS Net, conducted every Sunday evening at 8:30 pm.