

FCC “Paperless” Amateur Radio License Policy Now in Effect

Starting February 17, 2015 the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission maintains that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS), although the FCC had routinely continued to print and mail hard copy licenses until this week.

In mid-December, the FCC adopted final procedures to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as it had proposed in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its “process reform” initiatives. Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization (“Active” status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees will also be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager.

“We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs,” the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including staff expenses.

The ULS License Manager now permits licensees to change the default setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document.

The ULS website address is <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

Once you are registered with CORES (COMmission REGistration System), have a call sign, an FRN and password, you can access your record and print your official license, if you’ve been issued one.

Click on **LOG IN** in the **ONLINE FILING** section.

After you click on LOGIN IN it brings you here. Enter your 10 digit FRN (Include the zeros) and password.

FCC Registration Number
Password
SUBMIT

In the next window you will see all your “vital statistics” and you can chose options shown below. Keep in mind you can print an unofficial REFERENCE COPY by just searching for your call without signing in. You have to login to your account to print an OFFICIAL COPY of your license. If you click on [now](#) see the next page.

Change your paper authorization preferences [here](#), or download your official electronic authorizations [now](#).

If you clicked on [now](#) it will bring you to this window.
Enter search criteria in either of the options and then click **SEARCH**. Use **RESET** to clear your search criteria

Select the authorizations you wish to download,

Click "add" them to the "Authorizations to Download" box,

click **SELECT ALL**

click the "Download" button.

Licenses in termination pending status will not appear in this list. If a license is active but one or more components is in termination pending status, the term pending components will not be included on the authorization

Select which option you want.

Download Authorizations

Search Options
Enter search criteria in either of the options and then click **SEARCH**. Use **RESET** to clear your search criteria.

Enter Callsign:

Enter Date (mm/dd/yyyy) From: To:

Filter by Radio Service

Show all

My Authorizations

HA - KD2XXX

Authorizations to Download

HA - KD2XXX

TP = A component(s) of this call sign is in termination pending status for failure to meet the buildout requirement.
* denotes licenses that have an international address.
^ denotes broadcast auxiliary licenses with a parent station in CDBS.

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