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GET YOUR HAM LICENSE



Your path to a US ham radio license

One multiple-choice test, a free FCC registration and a $35 fee. No Morse code and no minimum age.

1 Study

Take free practice tests for the Technician exam until you pass every time. Use the 2026 to 2030 question pool.



2 Get your FRN

Register free with the FCC on its CORES website and note your 10-digit FRN.



3 Find an exam

Sign up for a session with a volunteer examiner team, in person or online. Fees are small, and some are free.



4 Pass the test

35 multiple-choice questions. Get 26 right and you pass.



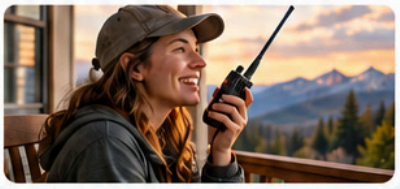
5 Pay the FCC

When the FCC emails you, pay the $35 fee in CORES.



6 Get on the air

Your call sign appears in the FCC's license database. Once it's there, you can transmit.



Key terms

- **FRN:** your free FCC Registration Number.
- **VE:** a volunteer examiner, a licensed ham who gives exams.
- **Question pool:** the public list every exam question comes from.
- **ULS:** the FCC's license database, where your call sign appears.

Good to know

- You don't need to be a US citizen, but you need a US mailing address.
- Kids take the same test as adults.
- Bring a photo ID and your FRN to the exam.
- Many exam teams let you try the General exam the same day you pass.

IN SHORT

Study, get your FRN, pass one test, pay $35, and watch for your call sign.

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