

# How to search for a new Amateur radio license

1. Go to FCC website by entering <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>
2. In the License Search box, there are three ways to search for a license:
  - Call Sign**
  - FRN**
  - Name**
3. The easiest way to search for a new license is by **FRN**. Enter your **FRN** and a list of all FCC licenses ever issued to that **FRN** will be displayed.
4. If you do not recall your **FRN**, you can search by **Name**. Enter your last name, then a comma, followed by your first name (example - *Smith, John*). It is important you use the name exactly as you filled out in your application. If you use a suffix in your last name (i.e. *Jr, Sr, III* ), then enter your last name followed by the suffix, enter a comma, and follow with your first name (example - *Smith Jr, John*).
5. Once the search is completed, a list of FCC licenses (if any) will be displayed. If there are multiple entries displayed (especially if you used a **Name** search) then look for Amateur radio call sign with an expiration date ten years in the future and a name that matches you. This will likely be your new station license.
6. Click on the desired call sign in the search list and exam the license data. Make sure everything is correct (*name, address, operator class*). If so, congratulations! This is your new call sign.
7. If you do not find an appropriate call sign and it has been less than two weeks since you passed your test, keep trying a day or so later. The FCC usually entries Amateur radio license data within a week of your exam, but they can be delayed because of computer problems, government budget crisis or other reasons. If you do not find any data after two weeks, contact the VE coordinator who conducted your test to assist you.

# How to search for a modified Amateur radio license

1. Go to FCC website by entering <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>
2. In the License Search box, make sure the way to search for a license is **Call Sign**.
3. Enter the call sign of the station you have upgraded.
4. Once the search list is displayed, click on the entry with most recent action.
5. Make sure everything is correct (*name, address, operator class*). If so, congratulations! Your new privileges have been approved.
6. If you do not find an appropriate upgrade and it has been less than two weeks since you passed your test, keep trying a day or so later. The FCC usually entries Amateur radio license data within a week of your exam, but they can be delayed because of computer problems, government budget crisis or other reasons. If you do not find any data after two weeks, contact the VE coordinator who conducted your test to assist you.

# How to print an official or reference authorization

1. Go to FCC website by entering <https://www.fcc.gov/how-obtain-official-authorizations-uls>.
2. Instructions are straight forward and easy to follow. However, you must have your **FRN** and password. A pdf copy of the license will be drafted that can be printed or stored.
3. If you do not need an “Official” copy, you can print out a “Reference” copy with the same data.
4. Using the search for either a new or modified Amateur radio license, go to the station license data of the desired call sign. On the top, left portion of the webpage you will find “Reference Copy”.
5. Click on this item and a pdf copy of the station license will be drafted. Anyone can printout this copy, but this form is useful in most circumstances to verify your operating privileges.