GMRS Licensing and Procedure

The FCC requires a radio license for GMRS radio operators to use FRS/GMRS radios that can transmit above 2 watts of power so that they can regulate frequencies used by two-way radios. You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

Applying for a License:

- You'll need an FRN (FCC Registration Number) to apply for a GMRS license. To register for the first time, go to https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do and create an account, and get a new FRN.
- 2. Once you get your FRN, click on "Universal Licensing System", then click "ULS License Manager".
- 3. Enter your FRN number and the password associated with the username you used to create your new account. Select "Submit".
- 4. Click "Apply for a new License", choose "ZA General Mobile Radio Service" from the options in the drop-down menu. Select "Continue" and navigate through the following pages.
- 5. Review the Summary page to make sure all the information looks correct. The total fees will also be visible on this page. Click "Continue to Certify".
- 6. Read through the General Certification Statements and type your name at the bottom of the page for your signature.
- 7. A confirmation page will load with your application file number and the associated fees. Click on "Continue to CORES for payment completion".
- 8. Select "Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills and Fees".
- 9. Select the "ULS Pay Fees" link.
- 10. Select your FRN and name from the drop-down menu and click "Continue to Pay". Continue through the following pages to make your payment.
- 11. Your license may take anywhere from a few hours to several days to be approved. You will receive an email once it is approved with a link to access and download your license.