

It is extremely important for the vessel FCC Station License and FCC Operator License of the Captain to be current.

The following information provides a guidance on obtaining a new or renewing both the Station License and an Operator License.

This information will also be made available for the future by going to the SAC web site and clicking on the FCC link.

FCC Ship Station License

WHY YOU SHOULD NOT LET YOUR FCC STATION LICENSE EXPIRE

Letting it expire requires obtaining a new license, receiving a new call sign, contacting FCC to get a new MMSI number, reregistering the EPIRB with the MMSI number and installing the MMSI number into the Single Side Band Radio.

How to Obtain a License

File FCC Forms 159 and 605 with the FCC. Sign and date the application and include any applicable fees; otherwise it will be dismissed. The license is valid for a term of ten years.

FCC Forms can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/forms>

Renewing a License

The FCC will send you a renewal reminder notice approximately 120 days prior to the expiration of your license. To renew your license, submit FCC Form 605 along with proper payment.

FCC Commercial Radio Operator License

Marine Radio Operator Permit (MP)

MPs are required to operate radio telephone stations aboard certain vessels which carry more than six passengers for hire in the open sea or any tidewater area of the United States.

Qualifications

- be a legal resident of (or otherwise eligible for employment in) the United States; and
- be able to receive and transmit spoken messages in English; and
- pass a written and/or telegraphy examination(s) as described below

Examination

- Element 1 – Basic radio law and operating practice with which every maritime radio operator should be familiar. To pass, an examinee must be correctly answer at least 18 out of 24 questions.

How to Obtain a License

Submit FCC Form 605 along with the appropriate Proof of Passing Certificates.

Mariners Learning System offers the option to take the exam online. Please note that additional equipment and software may be required. The cost is \$75. A study guide is available for an additional \$19.95. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.marinerslearningsystem.com/mrop-marine-radio-operator-permit-mp-test.html#VidProctoredExamVideo>

Training Resources Maritime Institute offers a study packet and will proctor the exam by appointment for \$100

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