

How to Get a Drone License



YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO THE FAA PART 107 CERTIFICATION PROCESS



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WHO NEEDS A DRONE LICENSE?

If you're looking to fly a drone for **any non-recreational purpose**, you must get a Remote Pilot Certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Part 107 regulations.

- Some common names for this certificate are: drone license, Part 107 license, and Part 107 certificate.
- Your Certificate can be used to operate a drone in **all U.S. states and territories**.
- You must renew the Certificate every 2 years.



YOU DO NEED A LICENSE IF:

- You plan to fly a drone for any non-recreational purpose, such as:
 - Flying a drone for hire.
 - Flying a drone for internal operations within your organization.
 - Flying a drone for a public safety department or other government entity.*

YOU DON'T NEED A LICENSE IF:

- You plan to fly a drone for a recreational purpose, such as flying in your backyard, local park, or on vacation.
- If flying purely for recreational purposes, you need to take a [free online training called TRUST](#).

*Public safety departments and other government entities can fly under Part 107 rules or by applying for a Certificate of Authorization (COA).

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?



From start to finish, it takes the majority of our students **4-6 weeks** to get their FAA drone pilot license.

1 STUDY WITH DRONE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Most of our students spend **15-20 hours** over **2-3 weeks** going through our online self-paced lessons and practice tests.

2 PASS THE FAA EXAM

You'll get **2 hours** to take the 60-question, multiple-choice test, and you'll find out right there if you pass or fail.

3 GET YOUR FAA LICENSE

After passing your test, complete a **15-minute** online application at home. Get your temporary certificate within **4-6 business days**, and you're legal to fly commercially!

WHERE DO I TAKE THE TEST?

Take the test in person at your local test center. There are about 800 locations in the U.S. states and territories. Find your closest one at:

[HTTPS://DRONEPILOTGROUNDSCHOOL.COM/FAA-DRONE-TESTING-CENTERS](https://dronepilotgroundschool.com/faa-drone-testing-centers)



You'll receive your official certificate card in the mail **6-8 weeks after you apply**. It's laminated and fancy and great to pull out at parties.

WHAT'S ON THE TEST?

The FAA test has 60 multiple-choice questions. You have 2 hours to take the test, and you must get a 70% or higher to pass.

There are 120+ concepts in the UAS Airman Certification Standards. Here are some of the key topics you'll be tested on:

- Drone Laws & FAA Regulations
- National Airspace System (NAS)
- Reading Sectional Charts
- Airport Operations
- Remote ID
- Night Operations
- Weather & Micrometeorology
- sUAS Loading and Performance
- Emergency Procedures
- Crew Resource Management
- Radio Communication Procedures
- Physiological Effects of Drugs & Alcohol
- Aeronautical Decision-Making

Our Drone Pilot Ground School online test prep course covers all 120+ concepts that may appear on the Part 107 test.



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DO I NEED TO KNOW HOW TO FLY A DRONE?

Interestingly enough, no. The FAA **does not require** that you demonstrate drone flight proficiency in order to get your drone license.

If you or your team would benefit from hands-on flight training, we offer in-person flying classes with experienced instructors.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of getting your drone license is relatively low—less than \$500. Depending on your location and situation, there may be additional costs, such as liability insurance.

TEST PREP **\$299**

| GROUP SIZE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-10 | 11-24 | 25+ |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| PER PERSON* | \$299 | \$249 | \$249 | \$249 | \$219 | \$199 | Custom |

* Call or email for military, public safety, STEM, and non-profit discounts, or for custom pricing for groups of 25+.

TEST CENTER FEE **\$175**

- Test is scheduled and paid for online or by phone
- A recurrent test is required every 2 years to maintain your certification currency

OTHER COSTS

- \$5 commercial registration fee per drone
- Liability insurance required in certain states
- Other local permits or licensing fees, if applicable

HOW CAN DRONES HELP ME AND MY TEAM?

Drones are being used in a growing number of industries around the world. Here are just a few of them:

- Real Estate
- Construction
- Mining
- Filmmaking
- Public Safety
- Insurance
- Journalism
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Energy
- Telecom
- Education

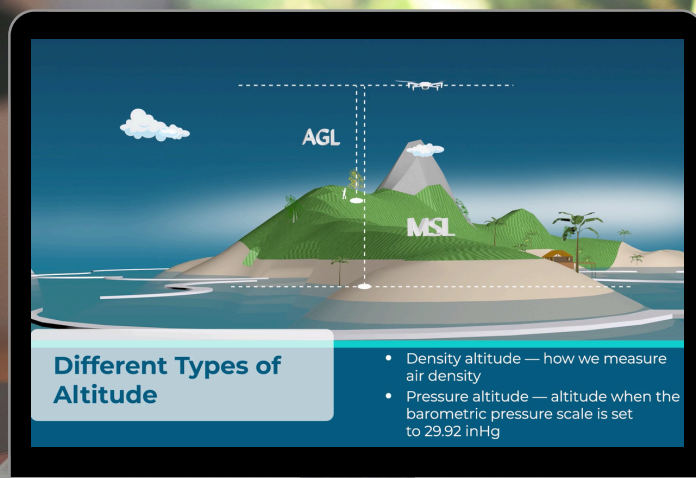
For more information on how drones are being used in each of these industries, as well as links to companies hiring drone pilots, check out our [Drone Jobs Guide](#).



HOW DRONES ARE BEING USED

- Real Estate Sales Videos
- Construction Site Progress Monitoring
- Stockpile Measurement
- Crime Scene Mapping
- Search & Rescue
- Deliveries
- Natural Disaster Response
- Insurance Claims Adjusting
- Infrastructure Inspections (Pipelines, Bridges, Railroads, Utility Towers)
- And many more!





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