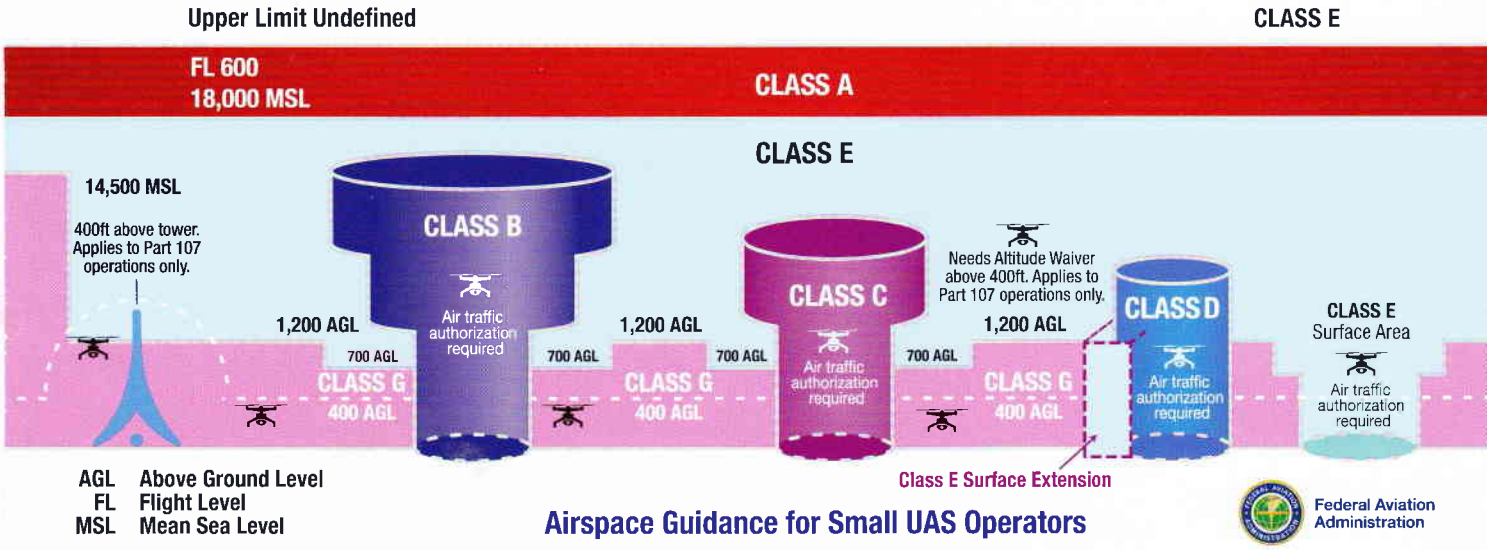

Airspace Guidance for Small UAS Operators

Federal Aviation Administration

Class B, C, D, and E Airspace is "controlled airspace".
This airspace can be found around airports with air traffic control towers, or those with instrument approach procedures. Authorization from Air Traffic Control is required to fly drones in most controlled airspace. Do not contact the local air traffic facility for authorization. Operators may apply for an authorization through an approved UAS Service Supplier using LAANC (faa.gov/uas/programs_partnerships/data_exchange/) or the DroneZone (faadronezone.faa.gov) web portal. To determine if your operation is in controlled airspace, check the FAA's UAS facility maps at: udds-faa.opendata.arcgis.com

Class G Airspace is "uncontrolled airspace"
FAA Air Traffic Control authorization is not required to fly drones in this airspace. Uncontrolled airspace is typically found at low altitudes or in rural areas. Most U.S. airports are in uncontrolled airspace, so drone operators should maintain situational awareness to ensure they see and avoid other aircraft. Recreational Flyers must operate in accordance with the Exception for Recreational Flyers (Title 49 USC 44809). Use the B4UFLY app and check faa.gov/uas for additional information.

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