

## Steps to obtain a GMRS License

FCC regulations require anyone using a GMRS radio to be licensed (or part of a family who is licensed).

Go to: <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp>

This is the FCC Licensing web site. Down the left side there is a place that says: "Need an FRN? Register with the FCC." Click on the Register with the FCC link.

Once you have registered with the FCC and obtained an FRN number, go back to the first link and log in using your FRN and password.

The License Manager will bring up a screen for My Licenses. At the top of the menu on the left side click on the link to "Apply for a New License".

You will be asked to select a service. The GMRS service is code "ZA" and is at the bottom of the list.

Use the Continue button to move through the process. This will walk you through the process and at some point, will allow you to pay online the \$35 license fee.

Things to consider: To obtain a GMRS license you must be 18 years old. More importantly, a GMRS license authorizes members of your immediate family to use the call sign. These rules are liberally interpreted to mean the License holder, spouse, parents, children and so forth.

One license per family is in keeping with the FCC regulations that require anyone who uses a GMRS radio to have a license or be related to someone who does (hopefully this person shares the call sign with the family). Licenses are good for 10 years and then need to be renewed or re-registered.

One GMRS starter radio is the Baofeng GM-15 PRO. It is rechargeable with a USB C cable and has GMRS repeater channel capability. Amazon.com has them for as little as \$36. A much better radio is the Wouxun KG-UV9G pro \$179.00 from BetterSafeRadio.com which has the advantage of scanning over 900 additional frequencies (many come pre-programmed with the radio).