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Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit (RR)

Description

RR holders are authorized to operate most aircraft and aeronautical ground stations. They can also operate marine radiotelephone stations aboard pleasure craft (other than those carrying more than six passengers for hire on the Great Lakes or bays or tidewaters or in the open sea) when operator licensing is required.

An RR is **NOT** needed to operate the following:

- Ship stations operating only on VHF frequencies that do not travel to foreign ports or make international communications (unless the vessel carries more than six passengers for hire, or the ship is larger than 300 gross tons and is required by law to carry a radio station for safety purposes).
- Shore radar, shore radiolocation, maritime support, marine utility, or shore radionavigation stations.
- Survival craft stations or EPIRBs.
- Ship radar stations, if (a) the radar frequency is determined by a nontunable, pulsed type magnetron or other fixed tune device, and (b) the radar is capable of being operated exclusively by external controls.
- Coast stations.
- Aircraft stations which operate only on VHF frequencies and do not make foreign flights.
- Aircraft radar sets, radio altimeters, transponders or other aircraft automatic radionavigation transmitters.
- ELTs or aviation survival craft stations used solely for survival purposes (testing only).

Qualifications

- be a legal resident of (or otherwise eligible for employment in) the United States; and
- be able to speak and hear; and
- be able to keep at least a rough written log; and
- be familiar with provisions of applicable treaties, laws and rules which govern the radio station you will operate.

Term of License

[Six Month Service Endorsement](#)
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An RR is issued for the holder's lifetime.

How to Obtain a License

Submit [FCC Form 605](#). There is no proof of passing certificate requirement for an RR. Use the [FCC Form 605](#) and the [FCC Form 159](#) (fee processing form) to replace a lost, stolen, or mutilated license.

Related Sites

Rules
Commercial Operators Rules & Regulations
ULS
Universal Licensing System
WTB
Wireless Telecommunication Bureau

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