

How to Renew Your Amateur Radio License

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The FCC recently imposed a \$35 fee for new and renewal amateur radio licenses, [effective April 19, 2022](#). The fee isn't particularly burdensome for a ten-year license. Unfortunately, however, the FCC website isn't really geared up to pay the fee in a user-friendly fashion.

License renewal is something you do once every ten years, and ten years ago, the process was a lot less complicated. In fact, you might have taken advantage of the [ARRL](#), which took care of it for free for members, or [W5YI group](#), which took care of it for a modest fee.

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Unfortunately, the FCC is not set up to collect the \$35 fee from these parties. Therefore, you'll need to pay that online yourself, and that's the most complicated part of the process. Therefore, you really need to do it yourself online. The following step-by-step instructions will show you exactly what you need to do. Follow along carefully, and you should be able to successfully renew your license.

My wife, KC0OIA, has her license expire this month, and as such, we had to navigate the process. My license needs to be renewed later this year as well. In the past, we've just done it through the ARRL, so we didn't even have passwords for the FCC website. So these instructions are for someone doing it from scratch. If you renewed online previously, you might already have one of the two required passwords. But if you've never done it online, just follow these steps.

It might help to print these instructions and/or keep them open in a separate browser window while you navigate the process.

1. Get Started: Find out your FRN

To renew your license, there are two separate parts of the FCC website that you need to navigate, and you will need to create accounts in both. To get started, you will go to the ULS (Universal Licensing System) to look up your FRN (FCC Registration Number—yes, the “F” is an abbreviation for an abbreviation).

Start by going to ULS and searching for your call sign:

<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>

Type your call into the box and click search:

e Universal Licensing System. The License Search here provides access to the most basic a criteria. Please be aware that some combinations of search criteria may result in a longer

License Search

By Call Sign ▾ =
SEARCH

exact matches only

[▶ Advanced License Search](#)

Service Specific Search

The search results page will show your FRN, or you can click on your call sign to get the full listing, which also shows the FRN. On the full listing page, it will also show the expiration date. This is probably a good time to make sure that all of your information, such as address, is correct. Write down your FRN, as you will need that later.

Amateur License - KC00IA - Clem, Yippy G

[New Search](#)
[Refine Search](#)
[Return to Results](#)
[Printable Page](#)
[Reference Copy](#)

MAIN		ADMIN	
Call Sign	KC00IA	Radio Service	HA - Amateur
Status	Active	Auth Type	Regular
Dates			
Grant	10/19/2012	Expiration	10/31/2022
Effective	10/19/2012	Cancellation	
Licensee Information			
FRN	0007886435	Type	Individual
License Name			

2. Create your CORES login

Now, you need to go to a different part of the FCC website, a site called CORES. This stands for **CO**mmission **RE**gistration **S**ystem. As one poster on [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) ([N2EY](https://www.n2ey.com)) helpfully pointed out, the ULS and FRN are all about *your license*, and CORES is all about *you*. You will use CORES to pay the fee, and ULS to renew your license.

To add to the confusion, there was an old CORES site, which is now gone. It was replaced by the new CORES site. Apparently, you need to create a CORES account, even if you had one under the old system.

You will need to create a CORES user ID and password, at this page:

<https://apps2.fcc.gov/fccUserReg/pages/createAccount.htm>

It's probably easiest to use your e-mail address as your username, although you can apparently use another name. Enter your e-mail address into the "Username" box, and click "check availability." After a short delay, it should tell you that the name is available. Re-enter it in the "confirm username" box, and then create a password. The password must be 12-15 characters long, and there are other restrictions. It can't include any part of your user name, it must have at least one lower case letter, one upper case letter, one number, and one punctuation mark. For example, **Foobar12345!** would be a valid password. (This is the first of two passwords you will be creating today, although it's OK to use the same password for both.)

Pick a password and enter it twice in the two boxes. Of course, it would be a good idea to write it down and put it in a safe place, because you'll need it again in ten years when you renew.

You will need to enter your contact information, including whether you want to have the title Mr., Miss, Mrs., or Ms. Your first name and last name are required. Since my license and my wife's have our middle initial displayed, I used the initial for the middle name, although it is not required. If you have a suffix such as Jr., Sr., VIII, etc., enter it in the next box.

You are allowed to enter a secondary e-mail address. For my wife's application, we used my e-mail address. It also asks for phone number, including country code. The County Code for the USA is 1, and I entered the 10-digit phone number with no dashes or spaces.

You also have to select a security question and answer.

Then, click "create account". You will then be presented with a quiz to prove that you are not a robot. If you successfully proved that you are not a robot, then you will see a screen that looks like this:



Create New Account - Confirmation


Registered User Account created on 2022-10-22

A confirmation email has been sent to [redacted]@g[redacted].om. Your account will be activated once you respond to this verification message.

To ensure delivery of the verification email, please do the following:

1. Please add FccRegistration@fcc.gov to your safe sender list; check your email INBOX folder for the verification email, as well as your SPAM and JUNK folders.
2. If not received shortly after submitting the account, please go to [FCC UserReg login page](#), and click the "Request another verification email?" link.
3. Please allow up to 4 hours for the email to arrive. If after 4 hours the verification email has not arrived, please submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/available-support-services> or call 877-480-3201 (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET).

At this point, you need to go to your e-mail and open an e-mail from FCCRegistration@fcc.gov with the subject "**FCC Account Request Verification**". Click on the link in that e-mail, and you will be taken to a screen that looks like this:



The screenshot shows the top of the FCC User Registration System page. The header is dark blue with the FCC logo and the text "FCC User Registration System" and "LOGOUT". Below the header is a yellow and white horizontal bar. The main content area has a white background with a blue border. The title "Email Address Verification" is in bold. The text below explains that the email address has been verified and provides instructions on how to log in and manage FRNs. A blue button labeled "Go to CORES" is visible. Below this, there is a list of systems that use the FCC User Registration System.

FCC Federal Communications Commission

FCC User Registration System

LOGOUT

Email Address Verification

Your email address has been verified and you may now log into CORES using your username and password.

You will also use your username password to access other FCC systems that still require a FRN login.

To register for a new FRN or to manage an existing FRN, click the "Go to CORES" button.

Please Note: you must associate your existing FRNs with your new Username prior to managing them.

[Go to CORES](#)

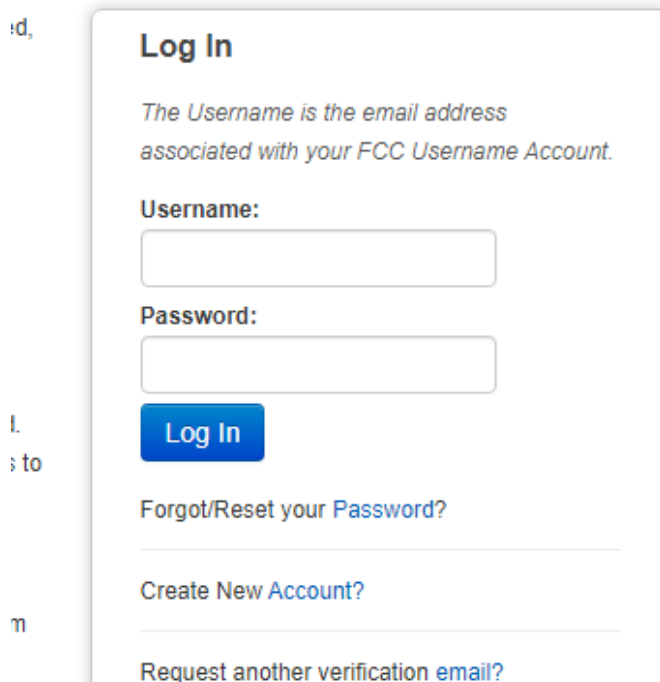
Below is an additional list of systems that currently use the FCC User Registration System:

- NORS 3.0
- 3030
- Study Area Codes
- ETRG

Click on the button that says "Go to CORES," or else go to the following link:

<https://apps2.fcc.gov/fccUserReg/pages/login.htm>

On that page, log in by entering your username (e-mail address) and password in the boxes on the right, and clicking "Log In."



The screenshot shows a "Log In" form. The title "Log In" is in bold. Below the title is a note: "The Username is the email address associated with your FCC Username Account." There are two input fields: "Username:" and "Password:". Below the input fields is a blue button labeled "Log In". Below the button are three links: "Forgot/Reset your Password?", "Create New Account?", and "Request another verification email?".

Log In

The Username is the email address associated with your FCC Username Account.

Username:

Password:

[Log In](#)

[Forgot/Reset your Password?](#)

[Create New Account?](#)

[Request another verification email?](#)

3. Connect your CORES account and FRN

After you log in to CORES, you will then see a screen that looks like this:

Note: The following two steps might be skipped. At this point, you might get to the "Select one of the following" screen. If so, skip the following two steps and proceed as shown below.

Update Account Profile

[Update Username and Contact Info](#)

[Update Password and Security Question](#)

To register for a new FRN or to manage an existing FRN, click the "Go to CORES" button:

[Go to CORES](#)

Please Note: you must associate your existing FRNs with your new Username prior to managing them.

Below is an additional list of systems that currently use the FCC User Registration System:

- [NORS 3.0](#)
- [3650](#)
- [Study Area Codes](#)
- [ETRS](#)

Click the blue "Go to CORES" button, and you will see a screen that looks like this:

Select one of the following:

- [Associate Username to FRN](#) Link your registered username to an existing FRN.
- [Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills and Fees](#) View & Pay Regulatory Fees, Application Fees, and Bills | View Red & Green light status.
- [Register New FRN](#) Register and receive a new FRN (including Restricted Use Frn).
- [Reset FRN Password](#) Reset/update your FRN password.
- [Search for FRN](#) Search for public FRN information.
- [Update Username Profile](#) Update your username profile.

On this page, click on "**Associate Username to FRN.**" You will see a screen that looks like this:

Associate with this FRN	
FRN:*	<input type="text"/>
Comment:*	<p>Enter comments to justify your request to be associated with this FRN, e.g., "I am the CEO of Company X."</p>
<input type="button" value="CONTINUE"/> Go Back	
<p>The FCC Registration Number (FRN) is a 10-digit number.</p> <p>* indicates required field.</p>	

In the top box, enter the FRN number you wrote down when you looked up your call sign. This is a 10-digit number, probably starting with zeroes. I think the comment box is used in situations where the name does not match up. It's probably not necessary if the name you used matches up with the name on your license. But just to be safe, we put "I am the licensee of [call sign]."

Associate with this FRN	
FRN:*	<input type="text" value="0007886435"/>
Comment:*	<input type="text" value="I am the licensee of KC00IA."/>
<input type="button" value="CONTINUE"/> Go Back	
The FCC Registration Number (FRN) is a 10-digit number.	
* indicates required field.	

After entering that information, click “Continue.”

4. Create your FRN Password

On the next screen, it will ask you to enter your FRN password. This is **not** the password you created a few minutes ago. Remember, there are two separate passwords, because there are two separate systems, and you are in the process of linking them.

You probably don’t have an FRN password, or you don’t remember it, because the last time you possibly needed it was 10 years ago. Therefore, click “Forgot FRN Password.”

You will enter your FRN again, and click “Continue,” at which point you will reach this screen:

Questions for FRN: 0007886435	
First Name:*	<input type="text" value="Yippy"/>
Last Name:*	<input type="text" value="Clem"/>
SSN:*	<input type="text" value="XXXXXXXX"/>
Zip Code:*	<input type="text" value="55117"/>
<input type="button" value="CONTINUE"/>	

As you see, you will need to enter your first name, last name, social security number (without dashes) and the zip code associated with your license. Then, click "continue."

Note: At this point, you might reach a different screen, which asks you to answer a security question (mother's maiden name, pet name, etc.) If you get this screen, it means that you already have a password, but you forgot it, which makes sense, since you probably haven't used it for 10 years. Answer the question, and assuming you get the right answer, you will be prompted to create your new password.

The first time, this didn't work for us, perhaps because we did something wrong. We went to a different computer, logged in again, and when we reached this step, we were successful. If you're lucky, you will get the following screen as soon as you click "continue":

Your Personal Security Question Answer has been successfully validated.

Please enter your new Password:

New CORES Password for FRN 0007886435	
New Password:	<input type="password"/>
Confirm Password:	<input type="password"/>
<input type="button" value="CONTINUE"/> <input type="button" value="CANCEL"/>	

password must be 12 to 15 characters long, and must meet all of the following criteria: at least 1 lower case letter, 1 upper case letter, 1 number, and 1 punctuation mark/special character (e.g. @ # %/ *).

[Frequently Asked Questions about Passwords](#)

Please note that this is the FRN password, and not the CORES password (the one you created earlier.) However, to avoid confusion, I used the same password for both. So if you used **Foobar12345!** For your CORES password, it's perfectly OK to use that same password again. Enter it twice, and then click "continue."

You will get a screen that looks like this:

FRN Password Reset Confirmation

The Password associated with FRN **0007886435** has been successfully updated and this FRN is now associated to your Username.

Please go to the [Manage FRN\(s\)](#) option from the main menu to manage this FRN.

This FRN can be used to access other FCC systems that still require FRN login, along with the FRN password or with your Username password.

5. Complete Linking CORES and FRN

Click on the "manage FRN(s)" link on the screen shown above, and you will see this screen:

Manage Existing FRN(s): Choose Action

When submitting a payment to the FCC, you are solely responsible for validating all financial data being entered, for ensuring that your payment instructions are not rejected by your financial institution and for ensuring that the funds have been transmitted to the FCC. To avoid incurring late payment penalties and interest, you should notify your financial institution when making ACH, credit card and wire payments, and continue monitoring your account to verify that payment to the FCC has been made by the payment deadline. The notifications you receive from the FCC after submitting your payment are to acknowledge that you have submitted a payment, and are not an acknowledgement that payment has been received by the FCC.

Select one of the following:

[Manage FRNs](#) Manage/View FRN Permission Levels, FRN Registration Information, and Associated Requests for your FRN(s).

[Regulatory Fee Manager](#) View, edit, and file annual Regulatory Fees.

[ULS Pay Fees](#) View and pay ULS Application Fees.

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Click on “Manage FRNs” and you should see a screen like this:

Note: At this point, you might be asked to log in again. You log in with your CORES user name (which is your e-mail address, and the first password you just created).

Manage FRNs

FRN	FRN Name	Date Created	Last Update	User Options
0007886435	Yippy Clem	10/22/2022	10/22/2022	Update/View FRN List Users

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

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6. Start the Renewal Process

You are now ready to start the actual renewal process! To do that, go to this link:

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

You will see this screen:

Log In

Log in to the License Manager to view and manage your licenses and applications, apply for a new license, and perform other license and application management tasks based on your FCC Registration Number (FRN). 10-digit FRN is required.

PLEASE NOTE: Per Public Notice [DA 15-72](#), the FCC no longer mails license authorizations. If you provide an email address on your application, an official copy of your license will be automatically emailed to you after the application has granted.


FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Password (FRN password or password for an associated FCC Username)

Enter your FRN and your FRN password. (If you used two different passwords, make sure this is the FRN password, the second one you created). Then, click “submit”.


If you are within the 90 day window to renew, the site will tell you that you are eligible for renewal, with the message shown below. If you don’t see the message below, you are too early, and you will need to come back to this page 90 days before your license expires.

My Licenses License KC00IA At A Glance

 Download your official electronic authorizations [here](#).

Call Sign	KC00IA	Radio Service	Amateur (HA)
 This License Is Eligible For Renewal Begin the renewal process			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Name & Address			

Click on the “begin the renewal process” link, and you will be taken to the following screen:

Renew License 

Select Updates

You have chosen to renew the existing license **KC00IA** .

License Selected

Call Sign	KC00IA
Grant Date	10/19/2012
Expiration Date	10/31/2022

Select Updates

You may update the licensee information shown below for this call sign. To do so, click the check box below.

Licensee Name and Address

P:
F:
E:

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Check that the information is correct. If you need to make address changes, follow the instructions. Otherwise, click “continue” and you will see this screen:

Renew License

Applicant Questions

Fee Status

Is the applicant exempt from FCC application fees? No ▾

Is the applicant exempt from FCC regulatory fees? No ▾

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It asks if you are exempt from fees. Unfortunately, you are not, so leave both of the “no” answers in place and click continue, and you will see this screen:

This Licensee Information identifies the applicant. When the FCC takes formal disposition on the application (i.e., grant, return, or dismissal), the notice(s) regarding the disposition of the application(s) will be sent to the address provided below. If the FCC grants the application, the information provided below will become the licensee's address, telephone numbers, and email of record for the selected call sign(s).

! An administrative name change cannot be used to accomplish a change in ownership and/or corporate structure. For these actions the current license must be canceled and a new license applied for. Changes in ownership or corporate structure are subject to enforcement action.

Licensee Name

Individual Name

First	MI	Last	Suffix
Yippy	G	Clem	

If the licensee name is being updated, is the update a result from the sale (or transfer of control) of the license(s) to another party and for which proper Commission approval has not been received or proper notification not provided?

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Licensee Address

Attention To

P.O.Box

Street Address a St

City

State ▾

ZIP Code

Phone

Fax

Email

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Again, check that your address is correct. Since you haven't renewed in the last ten years, the FCC will not have your e-mail address, and this is now required. So enter your e-mail address in the proper box. You can also enter your phone number, but I left the fax number blank. Click “continue” and you will see the following screen.

Basic Qualification Information

Has the applicant or any party to this application, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the applicant, ever been convicted of a felony by any state or federal court?

Note: If "Yes", attach an exhibit explaining the circumstances.

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As you can see, it asks if you have been convicted of a felony. Hopefully, the answer is "no," so select "no" and click "continue". You will see the following screen:

Renew License [Custom Exp. Date](#) [Attachments](#) [Waivers](#) [Reference Copy](#) [FCC 60](#)

Summary

You have submitted information in all the categories below. Use the view and edit capabilities to review your application to confirm that it is complete and accurate. Correct information as necessary. Once you are confident that the application is ready for certification and submission, click on the "Continue to Certify" button below. Please review the [FCC 605 Privacy Act](#) before submitting this application.

Radio Service HA - Amateur	Total Fees \$35.00 View Fee Details
Renew License You have selected to renew license KC001A	
Applicant Questions Is the applicant exempt from FCC application fees? No Is the applicant exempt from FCC regulatory fees? No	
Licensee Information P: F: E: n	
Basic Qualification Information Select Edit to review and correct information	

[CONTINUE TO CERTIFY →](#)

Make sure all of the information is correct. If so, click on "continue to certify".

On the next page, you will "sign" by typing your name in the spot indicated (you can leave the "title" box blank.)

Signature

Name of Party Authorized to Sign.

Name

First	MI	Last	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Title

Failure To Sign This Application May Result In Dismissal Of The Application And Forfeiture C

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHAE AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. Code, §503).

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Click “submit application” and you’ll see a screen like the following:

Confirmation

Your application has been successfully submitted. Any future reference to this application must be made using the application file number.

File Number	Call Sign	Purpose	Name
#0010249697	KC00LA	BQ	Clem, Yippy G

[Print Application](#)

Application Fees

File Number	Payment Type Code	Quantity	Subtotal
#0010249697	PRAN	1	\$35.00
			Total Due \$35.00

Important Notice:
The U.S. Treasury will reject Credit Card transactions greater than \$24,999.99. This limit includes multiple transactions on the same Credit Card totaling more than this limit in a single day. For transactions greater than \$24,999.99, an alternative method of payment must be used. Payment methods can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees>. Reference: Treasury Bulletin No. 2005-03 (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/fm/vol1/bu1.html>)

The FCC strongly recommends online electronic payment. Payment, on a secure website, by credit card allows for faster processing of an application. Before leaving this page, you must click on the “Continue For Payment Options” button. You must make selection of “Pay By Credit Card” or “View Form 159”. If you select “View Form 159” print the Form 159 to accompany any manual payment.

CONTINUE FOR PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Form 159 and accompanying fee **MUST** be received by the Commission within 10 calendar days of filing the application(s). If you are paying manually using FCC Form 159, send the application package to: **Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 979097, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000**. If you believe that the calculated fee is incorrect, please call 1-877-480-3201, and select option #2 after the main m recording.

7. Making the Payment

If you want, you can print the application. From this page, click on “Continue for Payment Options.”

You will need to log in once again with your FRN and FRN password:

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Username, then associate their FRN(s) to their Username. Instructions can be found in the [Help](#) files.

However, if the Payer is a third party, the Payer's FRN will be different from that of the Applicant.



Payer FRN Login

Payer FRN:

Password:

LOG IN

Need Full Access to CORES with a Username?

User Login

Enter them and click “log in”. You will see the following page, which shows that you now owe \$35:

FRN Financial

Remittances Ready To Pay

[Application Fee](#)

Matches 1 - 1 (of 1).

FRN	Remittance ID	Total Amount	Created Date	Actions
0007886435	3957543	\$35.00	10/22/2022	Make Payment


At about this point, you might run into what is a surprisingly common glitch. You will be told that you have no fees that need to be paid, even though you were just told that you owe \$35. This is apparently because you never gave yourself permission to view your own financial details! If you run into this problem, you can easily fix it by following the instructions that were e-mailed to me, which you can find at [this link](#).

Click “make payment” and you’ll see the following screen:

Remittance ID: 3957543

Bill Number	Applicant FRN	Applicant Name	Call Sign	PTC	Amount	FCC Code 1	FCC Code 2
N/A	0007886435	Clem, Yippy G	KC00IA	PRAN	\$35.00		0010249697
Total Amount Due :					\$35.00		


Payment Method Selection



Pay from Bank Account
via US Treasury's Pay.Gov System

To pay via electronic debit from a checking or savings account, you must provide the Routing Number and Account Number.

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Pay by Credit or Debit Card
via US Treasury's Pay.Gov System

Pay.gov accepts both credit and debit cards.¹ We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards. Debit cards processed through Visa or MasterCard are also accepted; these have the Visa or MasterCard logo on the card. ATM-only cards and debit cards from other processors are not accepted.

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Can't Pay Online?



Pay By Wire Transfer

- A wire transfer is a transaction that you initiate through your bank. It authorizes your bank to wire funds from your account to the U.S. Treasury, New York, NY (TREAS NYC).
- Click Continue to indicate that you will pay by Wire Transfer and view instructions specific to this payment.

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Pay By Check/Money Order

- Print the prefilled Form 159.
- Mail the Form 159 along with the check/money order to:
Federal Communications Commission
P.O. Box 979097
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000
- Make the check/money order payable to:
Federal Communications Commission

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On this screen, one user reported the following peculiarity. I didn't notice it, but watch for the following:

The one part that was tricky was the page in CORES (whatever that means) where you pick your payment method. Like most I chose credit card. But clicking on the button to select that didn't work. That's when I noticed I had to go up to a drop down menu and select my FRN number first.

You have a number of options, but the easiest one is probably to pay by credit card, so click on that "continue" button. But for those without a credit card or bank account, it apparently is possible to mail in a check or money order by clicking the appropriate box, printing a form, and mailing it to St. Louis, MO. But it's probably easiest to pay by credit card. If you don't have one, give a friend \$35, and ask them to do the following step for you. After clicking on the credit card link, you will be directed to a page on pay.gov that looks like this:

Remittance Advice



Please provide the payment information below. Required fields are marked with an *

Agency Tracking ID

PGC002543

Payment Amount

\$15.00

* Cardholder Name

* Cardholder Billing Address

Billing Address 2

City

* Country

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

* Card Number



* Expiration Date

* Security Code

[What's this?](#)

On this page, enter the name and other information associated with the credit card, which might be different from the name and address for the license, since you will use the credit card billing address, and if a friend is lending you their credit card, you would use the friend's name here. (The “security code” is the 3-digit number on the back of your card.) After you have entered the information, click “continue”. On the next page, click the box indicating that you authorize the charge, and click “continue.”



* I authorize a charge to my card account for the above amount in accordance with the terms and conditions of the cardholder agreement.

[Cancel](#)

If it goes through, you should see this “thank you for your payment” screen:

Online Payment Confirmation

Online Payment Information	
Total Amount	\$35.00
Payer FRN	
Payer Name	
Remittance ID	
Treasury Tracking ID	

Thank you for your payment!

[View Form 159](#) [Go Back](#)

8. Making Sure Everything Went Through

You are now done, but it's kind of anticlimactic, because the website doesn't tell you unequivocally that your application has been submitted. To make sure, go back to the main login page:

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

Log in again with your FRN and FRN password and click "submit". (See, aren't you glad I had you write down your FRN?) From the page that follows, click on "My Applications" on the left side of the screen, and you will see a box marked "awaiting action." Under that is the word "submitted" with the words "submitted by the applicant but not initially processed by the FCC." Click on the word "submitted" and you will see details of your application, showing that the application was submitted and on what date.

In a few days, you should get a notification from the FCC that your license has, indeed, been renewed. The FCC no longer sends out paper licenses, but that e-mail will have instructions for printing an official copy of your license.

Note: If you encounter any problems that are not covered here, don't hesitate to call the FCC help desk. When I ran into a problem with my own renewal (not giving myself permission to view my own financial data), they were very helpful and showed me how to fix it immediately. The toll-free number is 877-480-3201, and it's available from 8 AM to 6 PM Eastern Time.

Conclusion

No, the process of renewing your license is not user friendly. But congratulations for jumping through the required hoops to renew, and we look forward to seeing you on the air over the course of the next ten years.

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