



## How to Acquire a FRN

You need a FCC Registration Number (FRN) if you do business with the FCC. Applying for an Amateur Radio License constitutes “doing business”. If you do not have an FRN at exam time, and you submit your application with your social security number, the FCC will automatically assign an FRN when your license is granted.

When you appear to take your amateur radio license exam, the VE team will ask for either your FRN or your social security number. We highly recommend that you acquire a FRN prior to coming to the testing location. Using a FRN is far more secure than writing your social security number on a piece of paper and handing to a stranger.

To obtain an FRN, visit the FCC’s Commission Registration System (CORES) at this link:  
<https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>

1. Click on “Register”.
2. Select “An Individual”.
3. Indicate whether your contact address is in the United States.
4. Click “Continue”.
5. Fill out the form. Note that you will have to provide your SSN on this form.
6. Click Submit.

Your application will be processed and your FRN will be displayed.

**Write down your FRN and bring it with you to the exam session.**