

When You Can Renew

- You can **renew starting 90 days before your license expires** and up to **2 years after expiration**. Licenses more than 2 years expired **cannot be renewed** — you'll need to re-test.
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Step-by-Step Renewal Process

1 Check Your License Expiration Date

- Look up your callsign in the **FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS)** or on **QRZ.com** to find your expiration date.


2 Get Your FCC Credentials

To renew online you'll need:

- **FCC Registration Number (FRN)**
- **CORES account** (new username system used by FCC)
If you don't already have these set up, create and link them first:
 FCC CORES: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>

3 Renew Online (Recommended)

1. Go to the **FCC ULS License Manager**: <https://www.fcc.gov/universal-licensing-system>
2. Choose **"File Online"** and log in with your FRN/CORES credentials.
3. Select your license and choose **"Renew Licenses."**
4. Follow the steps to pay the **FCC application fee (\$35)**.
 - Fees are paid through the **CORES payment system** after filing.

 **Note:** You need a valid email for your FCC record — the FCC sends your updated license link after renewal.