

## Steps to Obtaining Licensing for an Unmanned Aircraft

### Aerial Application and Surveillance

#### Step 1: Obtain a FAA Part 107 Drone Pilots License (Renewal every 24 Months)

- Test must be taken at a FAA Facility
- Cost: \$175
- Test will be 60 questions and you must score at least a 70% to pass
- For more information on the Part 107 license please visit:
  - [www.faa.gov/uas/commercial\\_operators](http://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators)

#### Step 2: Obtain a FAA Section 44807 Certification

- This is for drones weighing 55 pounds or more, either dry or loaded.

#### Step 3: Obtain a FAA 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Certificate

- Required for any drone with a gross takeoff weight of 55 pounds or greater
- For information on how to schedule, please visit:
  - [www.faa.gov/pilots/medical\\_certification/get](http://www.faa.gov/pilots/medical_certification/get)

#### Step 4: Obtain a FAA Part 137 Aerial Application License

- Not ALL substances fall under this regulation
- For more information, please visit:
  - [https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced\\_operations/dispensing\\_chemicals](https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced_operations/dispensing_chemicals)

#### Step 5: Drone Registration

- \$5 per drone and registration will be valid for three years
- FAA registration certificate must be in your possession when you fly
- Registration number MUST be affixed to your aircraft
- For information regarding registration, please visit:
  - [https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/register\\_drone](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone)

#### Step 6: Apply and Obtain a Commercial License with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

- Test must be taken at a Metro Institute location
- License Cost: \$200/year
- Exams are \$64 each and you will have to take 3 exams (1 General and 2 Category)
- You must have at least TWO categories, one being the Aerial Application Category that is REQUIRED by the TDA and FAA.
  - TDA has multiple categories that range from Pasture and Rangeland to Aquatic Pest Control
    - The list of categories can be found here: <https://texasagriculture.gov/Regulatory-Programs/Pesticides/TDA-Ag-Pesticide-Applicator-Categories>
- For more information regarding TDA licensing you may contact TDA or you may visit:
  - <https://www-aes.tamu.edu/how-to-obtain-an-agricultural-commercial-or-non-commercial-license/>
  - Continuing Education will be required in Texas and may be required in other states.

For more information, please visit the links below:

- UAS Part 137 Team: [UAS137General@faa.gov](mailto:UAS137General@faa.gov)
- UAS Help Desk: [UAShelp@faa.gov](mailto:UAShelp@faa.gov)
- UAS Petition/exemption questions: [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/petition](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/petition)