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UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM'S LICENSE SEARCH IS REDESIGNED FOR CERTAIN SERVICES

Services are Amateur, Aircraft, Commercial/Restricted, GMRS, and Ship.

As part of a continuing effort to strengthen the Universal Licensing System (ULS), the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces phase one of an extensive redesign of the ULS License Search. Users access the new functionality and enhanced search capabilities via the "License Search (Enhanced)" link on the ULS homepage, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>.

This phase of the redesign effort affects the following wireless services:

- Amateur (HA, HV)
- Aircraft (AC)
- Commercial/Restricted (CM, RR)
- GMRS (ZA)
- Ship (SA, SB)

The remaining radio services will become available in the redesigned License Search later this year. Another Public Notice will be released at that time.

Note: We will retain the current License Search until all services are available through the redesigned interface.

The new layout and functionality of ULS **License Search (Enhanced)** allows FCC customers faster, easier navigation of displayed licensing information, printable page formatting, and a host of other new features which improve performance and enhance access to the WTB's license database. The redesign process was driven by the needs of ULS customers—drawing on your feedback from focus groups, letters, calls, and emails. Attractive new graphics and better placement of search elements make finding and entering search criteria easier. For information on specific License Search features, please see Appendix A.

For more information about the issues covered in this public notice, contact ULS support at the locations listed below:

FCC Technical Support Hotline: Call 202-414-1250 (TTY 202-414-1255), or send e-mail to ulscomm@fcc.gov. Contact the Technical Support Hotline about questions concerning computer access to ULS, your FRN and CORES registration, TIN/call sign issues, or submitting attachments in ULS. The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time. In order to provide better service to

ULS users and ensure the security of the electronic filing system, all calls to the hotline are recorded.

ULS Licensing Support and Forms Information: Call 1-888-CALLFCC (225-5322) and choose option #2, or call 717-338-2888. E-mail questions may be sent to ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact Licensing Support with questions about which application purpose(s) are appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule, or any other ULS-related licensing matter. ULS Licensing Support is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Appendix A

New Features for ULS License Search

Here are just a few of the new ULS License Search features:

- **Speed and Compatibility** – The new search not only features a bold new Web design, but improved system software as well. The older technology used to query the license database has been replaced with HTML forms and Java Server Pages. This change in technology dramatically increases the speed License Search results pages load in your web browser and speeds individual searches. Many compatibility issues caused by the older software have also been eliminated.
- **Direct Access to Information** – One of the guiding principles for the redesign of License Search has been to minimize the need to “drill down,” i. e., follow numerous links to find information. Many of the new features were designed to provide you with direct access to information. License detail screens have also been designed with accessibility in mind.
- **New Basic and Advanced License Search Pages** – ULS License Search has been divided into a Basic and Advanced search – similar to commercial search engines available across the Internet. The search fields most often used by ULS customers can be easily selected on the Basic Search page, eliminating the need to read through the entire list of ULS search fields. If you require a more detailed set of search criteria, select Advanced Search.
- **Service Specific Searches** – New service specific search screens reduce your work—search only for licenses within a specific wireless service. Each screen features search fields appropriate to that service, in addition to many of the fields used in Advanced License Search. Service Specific Searches are available for Amateur, Aircraft, Commercial/Restricted, GMRS, and Ship.
 - **New Features for Searching Amateur Licenses**
 - Search for licenses in a specified operator class.
 - Limit your search to Amateur and Vanity licenses (radio service codes HA and HV) without having to scroll through a long list of radio service codes.
 - Search for Individual, Club, RACES, or Military licenses.
 - Search by Trustee Name.
 - Search by VEC code.
 - **Ship**
 - Search by Ship Name, Official Ship Number, or MMSI Number.
 - Search includes only Ship licenses (radio service codes SA and SB).
 - **Aircraft**
 - Search includes only Aircraft licenses (radio service code AC).
 - **Commercial/Restricted**
 - Search by COLEM and Operator Class.
 - Search includes only Commercial/Restricted licenses (radio service codes CM and RR).
 - **General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS)**
 - Search includes only GMRS licenses (radio service code ZA).
- **No Limit on Search Results**—There is no longer a limit to the number of records returned by License Search. Previously this record was set at 3,000.

- **License Search Detail Screens** – The ULS License Search detail screens have been designed to make finding specific information on the license straightforward. Convenient hyperlinks connect you to related information. For example, click on the file number listed under Applications to be taken directly to the application(s) associated with the license.
- **Printable Page** – A new “Printable Page” button appears at the top of every search results and detail screen, allowing you to print the contents of the page pre-formatted for most common printers.
- **Reference Copy** -- A new Reference Copy button appears at the top of every license detail screen, allowing you to print an unofficial copy of the license data.