

Each Federal Communications Commission (FCC) radio frequency license application is unique. The licensing process has a total of three parties involved: the end user, the frequency coordinator and the FCC itself. The FCC license is processed according to the type of business the end user operates (individual business, local government, public safety, utility, etc.). Each of these business types is processed with a different frequency coordinator, therefore licensing fees and application approval times vary according to the type of business submitting the application.

To simplify the process of obtaining a FCC license (if required), ESTeem recommends the use of a licensing assistance office (LAO) for turn-key licensing to reduce user frustration, processing time and filing costs. In most circumstances an individual business FCC licenses can be obtained in approximately 6-10 weeks at an average cost of \$700-\$2000. If you need to expedite a license, the LAO can provide assistance in obtaining a Temporary Operators Permit for the site. The FCC license will be good for 10 years and renewal costs are minimal (approx. \$400) to license for another 10 years.

The following are recommended steps in obtaining a site license:

1. Determine a clear frequency of operation in your site area. ESTeem can perform a formal on-site analysis to determine a reliable operating frequency.
2. If the frequency of operation is unknown, contact a licensing assistance office and arrange for a frequency spectrum search in your area.
3. Contact a recommended licensing assistance office and have them start the paperwork.

ESTeem recommends the following Licensing Assistance Office:

Atlas License Company and Data Services  
176 West Logan Street; Suite 227  
Noblesville, IN 46060-1437  
800-252-0529 (Phone)  
317-813-4865 (Direct)  
317-900-7940 (Fax)  
[www.alcde.com](http://www.alcde.com)