

# Request and Manage a Part 107 Operational Waiver

## Introduction

Applications for a CFR Part 107 operational waiver must be submitted through the external portal, [Aviation Safety Hub](#). From the *List of Waivers* page, click “**Apply**” in the Part 107 operational waiver section to begin your application. Please review all FAA-provided resources related to the Part 107 operational waiver process before starting the application to ensure it is the correct waiver type and that you can provide all required information.

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### List of Waivers

Through the waiver process, the FAA may authorize operations outside standard regulations when applicants demonstrate effective risk mitigation and the ability to maintain safety.



**Part 107 - Waivers for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

Waivers allow operators to request FAA approval for certain operations that are otherwise prohibited under Part 107, such as flying at night, over people, or beyond visual line of sight.

Part 107 establishes requirements for remote pilot certification, operational limits, and safety measures for commercial and governmental drone operations. Waivers permit deviations from these rules when the applicant can demonstrate the operation can be conducted safely with mitigations in place. Common waiver types include operations at night, operations over people, and beyond visual line of sight. Applicants must submit safety justifications, mitigation strategies, and supporting documentation for FAA review.

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## Tip for Navigating this Guide

Each task will have a screenshot on the left-hand side to help guide you through the case. If the screenshot appears small, click into the image for an expanded view.

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# Part 107 Operational Waivers

Prior to beginning your application, you will be prompted with an Overview screen detailing the process for applying for a Part 107 Operational Waiver:

## Overview

**Introduction:** Provides a high-level overview of CFR Part 107 and qualifying for a Part 107 operational waiver.

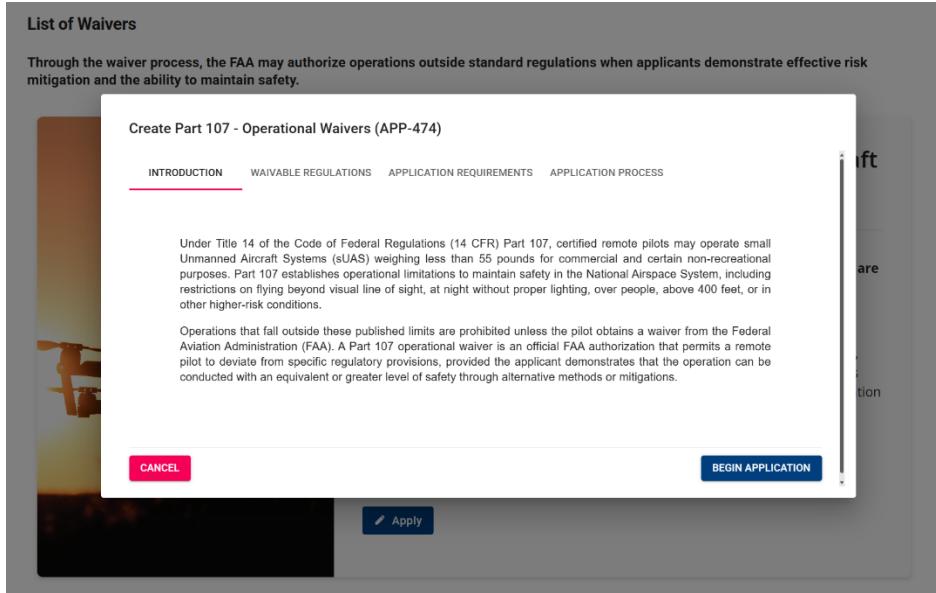
**Waivable Regulations:** Details what activities and CFR Part 107 rules qualify for a waiver.

- **§ 107.25 – Operation from a Moving Vehicle or Aircraft** - Generally prohibits operating an sUAS from a moving land or water vehicle unless over a sparsely populated area. A waiver can allow operation from moving platforms in more populated areas, enabling activities such as filming from a moving boat or vehicle with appropriate safety measures.
- **§ 107.29(a)(2) and (b) – Operation at Night** - Limits operations at night and/or civil twilight to RPICs with training and UAs with anti-collision lighting. A waiver may allow operations without required lighting if acceptable mitigations and night-specific operational procedures are implemented.
- **§ 107.31 – Visual Line of Sight Aircraft Operation** - Requires unaided visual contact with the sUAS at all times. A waiver can permit beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operations when alternative methods, such as onboard detect-and-avoid systems or radar tracking, ensure situational awareness and collision avoidance.
- **§ 107.33 – Visual Observer** - Only applicable if visual observers (VOs) are used in the operation. Sets communication, line of sight, and coordination requirements. A waiver may permit alternative methods for maintaining situational awareness without constant VO communication, or operations without a VO, where normally required.
- **§ 107.35 – Operation of Multiple Small UAS** - Allows operations of only one sUA per pilot, at a time. A waiver may authorize simultaneous operation of multiple sUA by one pilot for applications like drone light shows, agricultural surveys, or large-scale mapping, when automation and monitoring systems mitigate risk and ensure safety.
- **§ 107.37(a) – Operation Near Aircraft; Right-of-Way Rules** - Requires sUAS to yield to all other aircraft. A waiver may allow operations in closer proximity to manned aircraft in controlled scenarios, such as coordinated flights with helicopters for cinematography.

- **§ 107.39 – Operation Over Human Beings** - Prohibits flying over people who are not participating in the operation, unless UAS meets specific Remote ID and Category 1–4 requirements. A waiver can allow operations over people with mitigations like protective equipment, parachutes, and/or operational containment.
- **§ 107.51(a) – Operating Limitations: Groundspeed** - Limits sUAS groundspeed to 87 knots (100 mph). A waiver may permit higher speeds for specialized activities like high-speed racing or filming, if risks from control, reaction time, and collision avoidance are addressed.
- **§ 107.51(b) – Operating Limitations: Altitude** - Restricts altitude to 400 feet AGL, or higher if within 400 feet of a structure. A waiver may allow higher operations for specialized activities such as mapping, surveying, or research, provided navigable airspace conflicts are mitigated.
- **§ 107.51(c) – Operating Limitations: Minimum Visibility** - Requires at least three statute miles of visibility. A waiver can allow flight in lower-visibility conditions, such as fog, if compensating measures like enhanced lighting, tracking systems, or operational restrictions are in place.
- **§ 107.51(d) – Operating Limitations: Minimum Distance from Clouds** - Requires specified distances from clouds. A waiver may permit operations closer to clouds, often for atmospheric research or weather monitoring, when mitigations address reduced visibility risks.
- **§ 107.145 – Operations Over Moving Vehicles** - Prohibits flying over people who are in moving vehicles unless specific conditions are met. A waiver can allow expanded operations for activities such as filming parades or traffic scenes, with measures like protective enclosures, parachutes, and/or controlled flight paths.

**Application Requirements:** Defines the eligibility requirements, required information, and timeframe in order to proceed with a waiver request.

**Application Process:** Details the process for requesting a waiver and how to access updates on your request from the External Portal.



## Waiver Request Form

### Orientation

On the waiver request form, you will see the following:

- **Tabs** of the request form on the top, organizing the required information into logically defined sections. This guide will breakdown each section in detail below.
  - **Operator Information:** High-level information about the operator and the Responsible Party (RP) associated with this waiver.
  - **Proposed Operation:** Details about the operation that require a waiver from CFR Part 107 regulations.
  - **Requested Waivers:** Summarizes a proposed list of regulations that should be waived as a result of the proposed operation. You will have the option to select/de-select rules that apply to you.
  - **Supporting Information:** Additional documents that support the waiver review process. If you are a PSO, you will be required to upload your declaration of compliance and checklists.
- **Begin Application button:** Clicking “Begin Application” opens a draft application form. The application remains in draft status until all required fields are completed. To navigate, click “Next” to proceed to the next page or “Previous” to edit previously completed pages.
- **Save for Later button:** Click “Save for Later” at any time to save your progress and resume editing later. If you exit the draft application, completed sections will be saved, and any incomplete sections will appear as tasks under the **Action Items**.

Heads up!

The last section of the Waiver Request, ***Safety Evaluation***, will prompt you to a new screen and will not be shown as a section at the top of the form. In this form, you will complete your Waiver Safety Explanation Guidelines (WSEGs) associated with the regulations you've selected to waive. See sub-section **5. Safety Evaluation** for more details.

## **Waiver Request Form**

### **1. Operator Information**

This section asks for high-level information regarding the drone operator and the Responsible Party (RP), or the individual who will be responsible for the operational waiver. See below for the steps to complete this section.

1. Review the pre-populated details from your profile:
  1. Operator name
  2. Mailing address
  3. Email address
2. If the Responsible Party is the same as the Operator, select the checkbox. Otherwise, enter the following:
  1. Responsible party full name
  2. Phone number (reachable during operations)
  3. Street address (line 1 and optional line 2)
  4. City, state/province, postal code, country
  5. Email address
3. Select the Type of Operator: Public Safety Organization (PSO), Drone Light Show Operator, Agricultural Operator, or Other (with description).
4. Select whether the operator is an FAA industry partner.
5. Click Next: Proposed Operation to continue.

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Operator Information	Proposed Operation	Requested Waivers	Supporting Documentation
<p>In this section, you will provide key details about your operations and identify the responsible party. Operator information is automatically populated from your user or organization profile and cannot be edited. If you are submitting on behalf of a business, the operator name should be the business's official name. Please review these details for accuracy and provide the additional required information.</p> <p>Operator name * SkyView Drones LLC Review the name pre-populated from your user or organization profile.</p> <p>Operator mailing address * 1250 NE Holladay St Suite 450, Portland, OR 97232, USA Review the mailing address pre-populated from your user or organization profile.</p> <p>Operator email address * info@skyviewdrones.com Review the email address pre-populated from your user or organization profile.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Select this checkbox if the operator is the same as the responsible party</p> <p>Responsible party full name * Jane Doe Enter the responsible party's first and last name. The responsible party is the individual who accepts overall responsibility for the safe conduct of the operation and for strict compliance with all terms and provisions contained in the waiver.</p> <p>Responsible party phone number * +1 (443) 207-2131 Enter the direct phone number for the responsible party. This must be a number ATC can contact during the operation.</p> <p>Responsible party street address 1 * 134 Maple Lawn Lane Enter the primary address for the responsible party (e.g., street name and building number).</p> <p>Responsible party street address 2 Enter any secondary address information (e.g., apartment number, suite, unit, or floor). This field is optional.</p> <p>Responsible party city * Chicago Enter the city for the responsible party.</p>			

## 2. Proposed Operation

This section asks for more detailed information regarding the intended drone operation that requires a waiver from CFR Part 107. In this section, you will define the drone devices, dates/location of operation, and other operational questions to further define the scope. See below for the steps to complete this section.

**Note:** If you are planning a waivered operation located in controlled airspace (airspace other than Class G), you will need to submit an Operational Waiver application through **Aviation Safety Hub** AND an Airspace Authorization application through **FAADroneZone**. The FAA's Air Traffic Organization responds directly to Airspace Authorization applications.

1. UAS Devices
  - a. Click + Add to enter the make, model, series, and quantity.
  - b. Save each entry and add additional devices as needed.
2. Start and End Dates
  - a. Select the intended dates for operation.
  - b. The start date cannot be in the past or more than 48 months in the future.  
Recommended: at least 90 days from submission.
3. Location of Operation
  - a. Enter detailed information.
  - b. Optionally upload an Area of Operation file ( $\leq$  500 MB).
4. Waiver Associations
  - a. If this waiver is linked to an existing waiver, click + Add Waiver and enter the reference number ( $\leq$  21 characters).

5. Operational Questions
  - a. Answer the dynamically required questions based on your previous responses.
  - b. Your answers will determine which waivers are requested on the next screen.
6. Click Next: Requested Waivers to continue.

### 3. Requested Waivers

This section will automatically generate a list of waivable regulations that apply for the intended operations detailed in the Proposed Operations section. You can select/un-select the waivable regulations.

1. The system recommends waivers based on your answers in Step 4.
2. Review the list and select or deselect waivable regulations as needed by clicking the checkboxes:
  1. 107.25 (Operation from a Moving Vehicle or Aircraft)
  2. 107.29 (a)(2) and (b) (Anti-Collision Light)
  3. 107.31 (Visual Line of Sight Aircraft Operation)
  4. 107.33 (Visual Observer)
  5. 107.35 (Operation of Multiple Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems)
  6. 107.37 (a) (Yielding the Right of Way)
  7. 107.39 (Operation over People)
  8. 107.51 (a) (Operating Limitations: Groundspeed)
  9. 107.51 (b) (Operating Limitations: Altitude)
  10. 107.51 (c) (Operating Limitations: Minimum Visibility)
  11. 107.51 (d) (Operating Limitations: Minimum Distance from Clouds)
  12. 107.145 (Operation over Moving Vehicles)
3. Click Next: Supporting Documentation to continue.

### 4. Supporting Documentation

This section asks for documentation that will support the waiver request, most commonly the Concept of Operations (ConOps). If you are a PSO, you will be required to upload a declaration that confirms that you intend to follow the proper safety mitigations. See below for the steps to complete this section.

**Note:** If you submit an operations manual as part of your waiver application, please be aware the FAA only reviews excerpts from your manual that were found to address the Waiver Safety Explanation Guidelines for the safety of your proposed operation. The FAA may determine these excerpts, combined with other information you submit and pursuant to your compliance with the provision listed on a waiver, establish that you can safely conduct the limited operations a waiver will permit, however, the FAA's review of the excerpts in the context of your specific request for a waiver does not constitute FAA approval or acceptance of the manual you provide.

1. CONOPS (optional)

1. Upload a PDF ( $\leq$  500 MB). Automated tools review the first 150 pages to draft Waiver Safety Explanation Guideline (WSEG) responses.
2. PSO Declaration (conditional)
  1. If the operator type is PSO, upload a signed declaration on official letterhead including the checklist. PSOs are exempt from WSEG responses.
3. Additional Documentation
  1. Upload up to 10 files ( $\leq$  500 MB each).
4. Certification Checkbox
  1. Select the checkbox to confirm that you have completed the application form up to this point. Once selected and you click Next, prior sections will become inaccessible.
5. Click Next: Safety Evaluation to continue.

## 5. Safety Evaluation

This section details the specific WSEG questions that you must respond to in order to operate against a Part 107 rule. **If you uploaded a ConOps, the system will automatically populate the response to the corresponding WSEG question.** See below for the steps to complete this section.

1. Based on the waivable regulations selected, specific Waiver Safety Explanation Guidelines (WSEGs) must be completed.
2. If a CONOPS was uploaded, draft responses may be pre-populated. You will receive an email notification once the responses are ready for review and editing.
3. If no CONOPS was uploaded, you must answer all questions manually.

If you've uploaded a ConOps and see that your responses are auto populated in the *Safety Evaluation* section, please make sure that you review the response prior to submitting your application.

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## Track your Waiver Request

Once you've submitted your waiver request, you can navigate to your Case Details page to view your status, action items, and uploaded documents from the FAA.

In the future you will be able to see a view-only version of your Part 107 operational waiver request form for reference.

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The screenshot shows the Aviation Safety Hub interface for a Part 107 Operational Waiver application (APP-96). The top navigation bar includes the user's name, FAHEY MCFARISON, and a 'Logout' button. The main content area is titled 'Part 107 - Operational Waivers' and shows the 'Case Tracker' and 'Case Details' sections. The 'Case Tracker' section displays a flowchart with four steps: 'Overview' (green checkmark), 'Waiver Request Form' (green checkmark), 'Internal Review' (blue button with a checkmark), and 'Waiver Issued' (green checkmark). The 'Case Details' section shows the following information:

Application ID	APP-96	Waiver Number	107W-2025-04009
Submitted	11/25/2025 09:46 am	Updated	11/25/2025 09:47 am

The 'Action Items' section is empty, stating: 'You do not have any action items.'

## Request for Information (RFI)

Once you've submitted your application, someone from the FAA will review your application to ensure that the WSEG questions are adequately responded to and meet adequate safety requirements. In the case that the FAA determines that more information is required to make a decision, you will receive a new task to complete a Request for Information (RFI).

See below for a list of steps to complete a Request for Information (RFI):

1. Log into Aviation Safety Hub and navigate to the home page.
2. Through the Aviation Safety Hub home page or the Case Details page, you will see a new task under your Action Items that says: "Submit Request for Information (RFI) Response"
3. Select "Go" on the right-hand side.
4. Complete the required questions on the form to provide additional information about your drone operations, including updating responses to WSEGs and uploading supporting documentation as needed.
5. Submit the form.

You will see a new screen confirming the submission of the RFI. The FAA will review the submitted RFI and continue forward with the waiver request.

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Please review the Request for Information (RFI) and provide the requested details. Connect any WESQ questions. Flagged for classification and upload additional documents as needed to address the notes and feedback included in the RFI. Once submitted, your responses and attachments will be saved to your application, and the FAA will continue reviewing your waiver request.

14 CFR § 107.29 (a)(1) and (b) (Anti-Collision Light)  
Describe the anti-collision lighting on your small Unmanned Aircraft (sUAS) and whether it meets the requirements of § 107.29.

Provide if the lighting is visible for at least three statute miles (mi), if it flashes, and if it will be functioning during the intended flight. Include any specifications, performance data, or testing that supports compliance with the lighting requirements.

Primary Analysis Review Comment  
Requires additional information

Your response does not provide sufficient detail to determine whether the sUAS anti-collision lighting meets the requirements of § 107.29. Please provide additional information regarding the specific lighting system, including any and all relevant specifications, testing performed (e.g., visibility testing or lighting intensity testing) and any attachments that may be available. If supplemental lighting is used, clearly state the type, placement, and function. This information is needed to assess whether the lighting meets the required intensity, visibility, and operational performance for night or low-light operations.

Responses \*

14 CFR § 107.27 (g) (Yielding the Right of Way)  
Describe the procedure you will use to ensure the operator of the manned aircraft is aware the sUAS does not need to yield the right-of-way.

Specify how operators of other aircraft will visually locate your UAS during flight and any measures taken to enhance visibility and awareness.

Primary Analysis Review Comment  
Requires additional information

## View your Certificate of Waiver (CoW) or Denial Letter

When the FAA has made a decision regarding your waiver request, you will be able to see your Certificate of Waiver (for an approved request) or Denial Letter (for a denied request).

See below for a list of steps to view documents related to the decision of your waiver request:

1. Log into Aviation Safety Hub and navigate to the home page.
2. View **My Dashboard** to see an updated status of the waiver request.
3. Click on the **View Application** button to navigate to the Case Details page.
4. Navigate to the **Attachments** section of the page.
5. Select the document to download it to your computer.

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**Case Tracker**

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Certificate of Waiver			
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Thank you. The next step in this case has been routed appropriately.