FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs)

If your drone doesn’t have Remote ID, you may be able to operate within a FRIA.

What is a FRIA?
A FRIA is a defined geographic area where drones can be flown without Remote ID equipment. Both the drone and the pilot must be located within the FRIA’s boundaries throughout the operation. In addition, the pilot of the drone must be able to see it at all times throughout the duration of the flight (fly within visual line of sight). Aircraft equipped with Remote ID may operate within a FRIA, but must continue to broadcast Remote ID.

Where are FRIAs?
The FAA publishes the locations of approved FRIAs on the FAA’s UAS Data Delivery Service (UDDS) website.

Who may use a FRIA?
Once approved, a FRIA is available to anyone with permission to physically access the location.

Who can apply for a FRIA?
Only FAA-recognized Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and educational institutions such as primary and secondary schools, trade schools, colleges, and universities are eligible to request the establishment of a FRIA.

How do I apply for a FRIA?
FRIA applications are accepted through the FAADroneZone website
1. Create an account, or log into your existing account.
2. Click “Add a Service” from the FAADroneZone Services screen.
3. Click “Select FRIA Service” followed by the “Add Service” button.
4. Launch the FRIA dashboard and then confirm your profile.
5. Click “Create a FRIA Application” from the FRIA dashboard.
6. Complete and submit the FRIA application.

Note: The FAA cannot provide an estimated timeline on application review.

For further guidance on the FRIA application, read Advisory Circular 89-3.

For additional information on FRIA, read 14 CFR Part 89 Subpart C.

Got Questions?
Contact the UAS Support Center
1-844-FLY MY-UA (844-359-6982)
UASHelp@faa.gov

Resources
- UAS Remote Identification
- Remote Identification of unmanned aircraft, 14 CFR Part 89
- Executive Summary
- Remote ID Toolkit
- FAA DroneZone