



# FAA UAS SYMPOSIUM

## Submitting Airspace Waiver/Authorizations Requests



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# How to Apply



- DroneZone
  - Civil Operations under 14 CFR Part 107
- Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC)
  - Authorizations Only
  - Civil Operations under 14 CFR Part 107
  - Recreational Operations under 14 CFR Part 101 Subpart E (Section 336)
- Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) Application Processing System (CAPS)
  - Public Operations

# 107.41 Authorization vs. Waiver (civil)



## Authorization

- Use this to request access to controlled airspace. An airspace authorization is the mechanism by which an operator may seek Air Traffic Control (ATC) approval to operate in controlled airspace. Authorizations can be for a specific location or for broad areas governed by a single ATC jurisdiction.

## Waiver

- Use this to request a waiver from 14 C.F.R. § 107.41. Airspace Waivers may be issued where the applicant can demonstrate safety mitigations through equipment that their UAS can safely operate in controlled airspace without seeking ATC authorization prior to each operation. Processing times for airspace waivers are significantly longer than processing times for airspace authorizations.

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## Authorization

- Limited duration
- Limited operational area
- LAANC

## Waiver

- Must demonstrate safety mitigations through equipage
- 90+ days to process