

Operate Your Land Mobile Radio Now, Grant Later

If you meet a few requirements, it is possible that you can go ahead to build out and operate on your Part 90 radio system prior to your application being granted by the FCC. A summary of the conditions that you must comply with is as follows:

1. Your application must be for frequencies below 470 MHz or in the one-way paging 929-930 MHz band, and not be for a commercial mobile radio license;
2. The proposed station location is south of Line A or west of Line C (does not require Canadian coordination);
3. The proposed antenna structure either does not require registration with the FCC, has already been registered, or does not exceed 6.1 meters (20 feet) above ground level or above an existing man-made structure (such as a building, but not a tower or other structure built for the purpose of holding antennas);
4. The application does not require a waiver of the Commission's Rules;
5. The proposed facility will not significantly affect the environment;
6. The proposed station meets the required level of protection to radio quiet zones and radio receiving facilities; and
7. The application has met frequency coordination requirements and a minimum of ten business days has passed between receipt of the application by the FCC and the onset of operation.

New stations shall be identified by a temporary call sign consisting of the prefix "WT" followed by the applicant's local seven digit business telephone number. Transmissions by applicants for the modification, assignment of authorization or transfer of control of an existing station shall be identified by the station's call sign.

A copy of the FCC Form 601 and a signed statement of compliance should be posted with the station records.

If in compliance with the above, conditional authority may be used to operate while your application is pending for a period of up to one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the application is received by the FCC. Conditional authority will cease immediately if the application is dismissed by the Commission.

Details can vary, so you should always check with your frequency coordinator prior to operating with conditional authority.