



# Do You Know?

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Do you know how the FCC is organized and where amateur radio is managed within the FCC?

The FCC is organized as follows:

1. There are five commissioners.

- Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate
- Three commissioners are associated with the President's political party
- The President in office designates the Chairman

2. To support the commissioners and conduct the Commission's mission of regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, there are 1,688 people who are employed by the FCC, not including contractors in 7 Bureaus and 10 Offices.

a. The Bureaus.

- Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
- Enforcement Bureau
  - 5 Divisions
- 1 Strike Force
  - 13 Regional and Field Offices
- International Bureau
  - 3 Divisions
- Media Bureau
  - 5 Divisions
- Public Safety Bureau
  - 3 Divisions
- Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
  - 5 Divisions
- Wireline Competition
  - 4 Divisions

b. The Offices.

- Administrative Law Judges
- Communications Business Opportunities
- Engineering and Technology
- General Counsel
- Inspector General
- Legislative Affairs

- Managing Director
- Media Relations
- Secretary
- Strategic Planning and Policy
- Workplace Diversity

So, where is amateur radio located in the bureaucracy? It's located within the **Mobility Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.**

The Mobility Division is responsible for developing policy and rules that facilitate rapid, widespread deployment of wireless communications services. The Mobility Division reviews and processes license applications filed through the Universal Licensing System (ULS) for the services listed below.

- 218-219 MHz Service
- 220 MHz Service
- 700 MHz Construction Notification Requirements
- 700 MHz Guard Bands
- 800MHz Cellular Service
- Advanced Wireless Services (AWS)
- Air-Ground Radiotelephone Service
- **Amateur Radio Service**
- Aviation Radio Services
- Basic Exchange Telephone Radio Service (BETRS)
- Broadband Personal Communications Service (PCS)
- Cellular Service
- Citizens Band Radio Service (CBRS)
- Commercial Radio Operator License Program
- Contraband Wireless Devices
- Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) Service
- Family Radio Service (FRS)
- General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Industrial / Business
- Lower 700 MHz Service
- Low Power Radio Service (LPRS)
- Maritime Mobile
- Multi-Use Radio Service (MURS)
- Narrowband Personal Communications Service (PCS)
- Offshore Radiotelephone Service
- Paging
- Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs)
- Personal Radio Services
- Private Land Mobile Paging

- Private Land Mobile Radio Services
- Radio Control Radio Service (RCRS)
- Rural Radiotelephone Service
- Ship Radio Stations
- Signal Boosters
- License Audits

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