

FRIA Communications

FAQ

- *What is a FRIA?*
 - FRIA stands for FAA-Recognized Identification Area. It's a location where drones and radio-controlled aircraft can be flown without Remote ID equipment.
- *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 may apply for a FRIA.
- *How do you apply for a FRIA?*
 - FRIA applications are accepted through the FAA's DroneZone website at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov>.
- *How long are FRIAs approved for?*
 - FRIA approvals are valid for 48 calendar months and can be renewed.
- *Can I fly in a FRIA if my drone is equipped with Remote ID?*
 - Yes. However, a Remote ID equipped drone must broadcast the Remote ID message as if flying outside of a FRIA.
- *What's the difference between a FRIA and a Fixed Site?*
 - Fixed Sites are locations where an FAA airspace authorization is needed due to controlled airspace at that location. FRIAs are not related to airspace, rather, they are locations where Remote ID is not required. FRIAs and Fixed Sites may be co-located but require separate applications to be FAA approved.
- *I just submitted a FRIA application. How long will it take?*
 - The FAA reviews FRIA applications in the order they are received and will attempt to review them in a timely manner. Currently, the FAA cannot provide an estimated timeline on application review. The Remote ID operational compliance date is September 16, 2023.
- *How can I find out if there is a FRIA near me?*
 - The FAA will publish the locations of approved FRIAs on the FAA's UAS Data Delivery Service (UDDS) website at <https://udds-faa.opendata.arcgis.com/>.
- *How can I find out more about FRIAs?*
 - More information on FRIAs can be found in [Advisory Circular 89-3](#).

TALKING POINTS

- FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs, pronounced “free-ahs”) are locations established under Part 89 where drones and radio-controlled (RC) aircraft can operate without Remote ID equipment.
- FRIA locations may be requested by FAA-recognized Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and educational institutions, such as primary and secondary schools, trade schools, colleges, and universities.
- Flying in a FRIA without Remote ID requires *both* the aircraft and the operator remain within the lateral boundaries of the FRIA and the operator maintains visual line of sight of the aircraft at all times.
- Aircraft equipped with Remote ID may operate within a FRIA but must continue to broadcast Remote ID.
- On Monday, October 24, 2022, applications for FRIAs will be accepted for FAA approval through the FAA’s DroneZone website.
- FRIA applications may not receive final approval until the Remote ID compliance date of September 16, 2023 or later.
- FAA-approved FRIAs will be valid for 48 calendar months, unless renewed, and be published on the UAS Data Delivery Service (UDDS) website at <https://udds-faa.opendata.arcgis.com/>.