Part 107 – Small UAS Knowledge Testing/Remote Pilot Certification

1. I already have a pilot certificate issued under part 61. Do I need to obtain a remote pilot certificate to fly a UAS under the Small UAS Rule (Part 107)?

Yes. All operations under the Part 107 rule require the UAS operator to have a remote pilot certificate, which he or she can obtain by taking an online training course. However, part 61 pilot certificate holders who have completed a flight review within the past 24 months may elect to take an online training course focusing on UAS-specific areas of knowledge instead of the knowledge test. All other members of the public must take and pass the initial aeronautical knowledge test to obtain a remote pilot certificate.

2. When will the initial Knowledge Test at testing centers be available?

Members of the public will be able to take the knowledge test at testing centers on August 29, 2016.

3. When will the online training be available for current pilot certificate holders?

Online training for current pilot certificate holders is currently available at www.faasafety.gov.

4. How can I find the closest Knowledge Testing Center to me?

A list of Knowledge Testing Centers (PDF) is available.

5. Where can I find study materials for the knowledge test?

The Airman Certification Standards (ACS) and sample questions will be available at https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/training/

6. How much does it cost to get a remote pilot certificate?

We anticipate that a knowledge testing center will charge approximately \$150 to people seeking to take the knowledge test.

7. Will the FAA recognize any previous UAS training I've taken?

No. Prior aviation-related training may be helpful to new applicants preparing for the knowledge test. However, there is no required practical training to fly under the Part 107 rule or to get a remote pilot certificate.

8. Once I complete the Knowledge Test at one of the approved centers, what is the process for obtaining my pilot certificate from the FAA?

After you have passed the Knowledge Test, you will then complete the FAA Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application (known as IACRA) to receive a remote pilot certificate. IACRA is a web-based certification/rating application that ensures you meet the requirements and electronically submits the application to the FAA's Airman Registry. Applications should be validated within 10 days. Applicants will then receive instructions for printing their temporary airman certificate, which is good for 120 days. The FAA will then mail you your permanent Remote Pilot Certificate within that 120 days.

What happens if I fail the knowledge test? How soon can I retake the test?

You may retake the test after 14 days.

10. What do I need to bring with me to take the knowledge test?

All applicants must bring a valid and current form of identification that includes their photo, date of birth, signature, and physical residential address. Acceptable forms of identification include:

What to bring in order to take the knowledge test

U.S. Citizen and Resident Aliens	Non-U.S. Citizens
Driver permit or license issued by a U.S. state or territory U.S. Government identification card U.S. Military identification card Passport Alien residency card	Passport AND Driver permit or license issued by a U.S. state or territory OR Identification card issued by any government entity