



Commercial Small UAS Rule (Part 107)

In February 2015, the FAA announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for commercial small UAS operations with the intention of issuing a final rule in September 2015. The Small UAV Coalition submitted [comments](#) before the public comment period closed in April 2015.

On June 21, 2016, the FAA released its [final rule](#) governing commercial small UAS (those weighing under 55 pounds). The rule went into effect on August 29, 2016. The FAA incorporated two-thirds of the Coalition's comments into the final rule.

Key Components of the Final Rule

- Maximum altitude: 400 feet above ground level*.
- Maximum speed: 87 knots/100 mph.
- Minimum age: 16.
- Operations may only be conducted during daytime.
- Operations may only be conducted within the visual line of sight.
- Operations over people permitted only over those involved in the operation.
- Designated waiver provisions allow operations in additional circumstances, such as from a moving vehicle or in minimum visibility.
- Intrastate transportation of property for compensation or hire permitted, as long as total weight is no more than 55 pounds.
- Part 61 pilot certificate holders can take an online training course; others will take an aeronautical knowledge test at a designated FAA testing center.

*A UAV may operate over a structure if it remains within 400 feet of the structure and does not operate over 400 feet above the structure.

Those who seek to operate beyond the scope of Part 107 will still be reviewed under the existing Section 333 exemption process.

The Small UAV Coalition looks forward to future rulemakings to address other key components of commercial UAS operations, notably beyond visual line of sight operations, as well as a proposed rulemaking governing operations over people that the FAA expects to publish in late 2016.

For more information on the Small UAV Coalition, current rules, and industry priorities, visit www.smalluavcoalition.org.