

Aircraft Registration

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Aircraft Registration Eligibility

**An aircraft may be registered in the U.S.
when:**

- **The aircraft is not registered under the laws of another country.**
- **The aircraft's owner(s) meets U.S. citizenship or residency requirements**
- **The owner has made a good application for registration with acceptable evidence of ownership**



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Eligible Owners

- **One or more individual citizens of the U.S. as individuals, co-owners, or partners**
- **A U.S. Citizen Corporation, Association, or LLC**
- **An individual citizen of another country admitted for permanent residence**
- **A non-citizen corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the U.S. or a State, with the aircraft based and primarily used in the U.S.**
- **The U.S. Government, a State, D.C., a territory or possession of the U.S., or a political subdivision of a State, territory or possession.**



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Operation

- **U.S. civil aircraft may operate in the U.S. only when properly registered; including,**
 - for a reasonable time after a transfer of ownership to apply for registration, or
 - by an aircraft dealer using his Dealer's Certificate



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When U.S. registered aircraft transfers to a new U.S. owner, 90 days of temporary operating authority is allowed from the application date for operations within the United States.

This temporary authority may be extended up to one year while the application is being corrected or the ownership documents are being gathered. The second copy of the application form, must be carried with any extensions in the aircraft until it is replaced with the registration certificate.



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Aircraft that are not authorized temporary operation authority within the U.S. include:

- New aircraft that have not yet been registered
- Imported aircraft
- Aircraft with expired registration
- Aircraft with cancelled registration



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Importing Aircraft

To register an imported aircraft the eligible owner must provide:

- **A good application for registration**
- **Acceptable transfer of ownership from the foreign seller to the applicant**
- **Confirmation that foreign registration has ended, or that no foreign registration was issued**
- **The fee for registration**
- **Newly built LSA also need an LSA Manufacturer's Affidavit of Ownership, AC form 8050-88A**



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Export Aircraft

Before we confirm cancellation of U.S. Registration

- **We review the aircraft record & our document index**
- **Confirm the party requesting the export and the aircraft owner are the same.**
- **Verify that outstanding security interests under both the Geneva and Cape Town Treaties are correctly addressed**
- **Cancel the U.S. Registration**
- **Compose and send an appropriate confirmation message to the importing country**



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Cancellation of Registration

Registration ends and the Aircraft Registration Certificate AC Form 8050-3, becomes ineffective when registration is revoked, expired, or the ownership is transferred.

The FAA cancels an N-number assignment

- Upon the owner's notice of Export, or removal from service
- 3 months after registration expires,
- 6 months after owner's notification of transfer, unless application for registration is made,
- 12 months after application if owner fails to complete registration



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Registration Changes – October 1, 2010

- **U.S. Aircraft registration expires and must be renewed every three years.**
- **Certificates issued or replaced since that date show an expiration date.**
- **Aircraft registered before October 2010 have been assigned expiration dates and are scheduled for re-registration by January 1, 2014.**
- **The time aircraft can be in sale reported or registration pending status is now limited.**
- **Aircraft status will be easier to determine, many expired and out-of-service aircraft will be removed from database**



Registration expiration and renewal.

- <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr;sid=6693b5a276756a2204d1b5c48d416f43;rgn=div8;view=text;node=14%3A1.0.1.3.23.2.363.6;idno=14;cc=ecfr>



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The FAA Aircraft Registry Web-site

- **Visit us at:**
<http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>
- **Look-up aircraft registration information**
- **Verify U.S. Registration expiration dates**
- **Use 'Contact Us' e-mail link for registration questions**



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Thank You

