

Maintain Current Aircraft Registrations

The Federal Aviation Administration's "Final Rule Regarding the Re-Registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration," published July 20, 2010, became effective October 1, 2010, and new rules now apply to the entire registration and renewal process. These new regulations will terminate both commercial and private aircraft registrations made prior to October 1, 2010 over a three-year period. All registrations made after October 1, 2010 will follow a triennial expiration system that will require aircraft owners to renew registration every three years.

The initial date of issuance determines if the aircraft should be re-registered or renewed. Any aircraft registered prior to October 1, 2010, must be re-registered with the FAA by submitting a Form 8050-1a, and it will be issued a new certificate of registration with an expiration date. At that time, the aircraft will remain on a perpetual three-year schedule for renewal.

Aircraft registered after October 1, 2010 will have the expiration date printed on the certificate of registration, which will be due three years from the date of issuance. The Final Rule created a perpetual renewal schedule, and aircraft owners must remain aware of the certificates' expiration dates.

How can you know when your aircraft's certificate expires?

The FAA established a three-year schedule for existing certificates of registration based off the initial date of issuance. Registered owners will receive a notice of their registration expirations 180 days prior the expiration date. For example, if your aircraft's registration was initially issued in May of any year, certificate expires on September 30, 2011. The owner must apply for re-registration between May 1, 2011 and July 31, 2011 to guarantee that the new certificate will be issued before the expiration date. Click [here](#) to view the FAA's re-registration schedule.

While the FAA does not allow extensions for renewals, owners may still apply for re-registrations between the last day of the re-registration window and the expiration date.

What could happen if aircraft owners do not re-register their aircraft?

If an owner misses the deadline for re-registration, the certificate will be immediately cancelled and the aircraft grounded until a new certificate has been obtained by the FAA. This could also result in a breach of contracts and jeopardize the aircraft's insurance.

The aircraft could also lose its N-number assignment, consequently requiring owners to obtain a new N-number, convert the equipment to the new N-number, and be recertified. Should either of these instances occur, acquiring a new certificate of registration would take up to several weeks.

How can DeBee Gilchrist help you re-register your fleet?

DeBee Gilchrist has developed a unique automated process for electronically tracking your fleet's information to ensure uninterrupted operations. The FAA estimates that one-third of its records contain inaccurate information and our firm proactively reviews FAA records to verify they have recorded your re-registrations accurately. Accurate information with the FAA also helps ensure you receive updated safety regulations from manufacturers regarding your aircraft.

Federal Aviation Administration Aircraft Re-Registration Schedule

If the certificate was issued in:	The certificate expires on:	The owner must apply for re-registration between these dates, - to allow delivery of a new certificate before expiration.	
March of any year	March 31, 2011	November 1, 2010	and January 31, 2011
April of any year	June 30, 2011	February 2, 2011	and April 30, 2011
May of any year	September 30, 2011	May 1, 2011	and July 31, 2011
June of any year	March 31, 2012	November 1, 2011	and January 31, 2012
August of any year	June 30, 2012	February 1, 2012	and April 30, 2012
September of any year	September 30, 2012	May 1, 2012	and July 31, 2012
October of any year	December 31, 2012	August 1, 2012	and October 31, 2013
November of any year	March 31, 2013	November 1, 2012	and January 31, 2013
January of any year	September 30, 2013	May 1, 2013	and July 31, 2013
February of any year	December 31, 2013	August 1, 2013	and October, 31 2013

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