

# Unmanned Aircraft Systems in NORTH CAROLINA



## COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS



### **Federal—Small UAS Rule (Part 107)**

Commercial UAS/drone operators can operate under 14 CFR Part 107, also known as the Small UAS Rule, as of August 29, 2016. Under this rule, the person operating a small UAS must either hold a remote pilot airman certificate with a small UAS rating or be under the direct supervision of a person who does hold a remote pilot certificate (remote pilot in command).



### **Federal—Section 333 Exemption**

Commercial UAS/drone operators can also continue to operate under a Section 333 Exemption from the federal government. This is a case-by-case exemption that must be applied for and approved by the FAA.



### **State—Knowledge Test**

NC G.S. 63-95 and 63-96 assigns responsibility to NCDOT to create a test and permit system to ensure compliance and understanding of NC UAS laws.



### **State—Permit**

Once an UAS operator has passed the knowledge test and has received necessary airspace authorizations from the FAA, they are able to apply for a permit to fly a UAS.

For more information, visit  
[www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas](http://www.ncdot.gov/aviation/uas)  
[www.faa.gov/uas](http://www.faa.gov/uas)



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