

Federal Communications Commission

§ 87.285

§ 87.261(a) above. Such secondary administrative communications must directly relate to the business of a participating aircraft operator in providing travel and transportation services to the flying public or to the travel, transportation or scheduling activities of the aircraft operator itself. Stations transmitting administrative communications must provide absolute priority for operational control and other safety communications by means of an automatic priority control system.

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AERONAUTICAL FIXED STATIONS

§ 87.275 Scope of service.

Aeronautical fixed stations provide non-public point-to-point communications service pertaining to safety, regularity and economy of flight. These stations must transmit, without discrimination, messages from aircraft which have entered into cooperative arrangements governing the operation and maintenance of such stations. Aeronautical fixed station licensees are required to transmit, without charge or discrimination, all emergency communications.

§ 87.277 Supplemental eligibility.

Aeronautical fixed station licenses will only be issued to the licensees of associated aeronautical enroute stations. Aeronautical fixed station licenses will not be issued where adequate land line facilities are available.

§ 87.279 Frequencies.

(a) *United States (except Alaska)*. The applicant must request specific frequencies in accordance with § 2.106 of this chapter. The Commission will determine the suitability of the applicant's selection based on the probability of interference to and from existing services assigned on the same or adjacent frequencies. All new assignments of frequencies will be subject to such conditions as may be required to minimize the possibility of harmful interference to existing services.

(b) *Alaska*. (1) Only stations which serve scheduled air carriers will be licensed. Applicants must show that the station will provide communications

only along routes served by the scheduled operations of such carriers.

(2) The following frequencies are available in Alaska. These frequencies will only be licensed in conjunction with licenses for use of the aeronautical enroute frequencies specified in § 87.263(c).

	kHz
2648.0	5310.0
4645.0	5887.5
4947.5	8015.0
5122.5	

(c) *Gulf of Mexico*. In addition to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, the frequencies 4550.0 and 5036.0 kHz are available in the Gulf of Mexico.

AIRCRAFT DATA LINK LAND TEST STATIONS

§ 87.285 Scope of service.

The frequencies indicated in § 87.287 of this chapter may be used to test aircraft data link systems on a secondary basis to other licensed stations. Equipment must be designed so that it will engage in data link exchange only with the aircraft whose identification has been programmed into the device, and must comply with the applicable specifications for VDL Mode 2 operation set forth in the ICAO "Manual on VHF Digital Link (VDL) Mode 2" First Edition-2001, and RTCA DO-281A," Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aircraft VDL Mode 2 Physical, Link and Network Layer", November 8, 2005. These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a), and 1 CFR part 51 and approved by the Director of the Federal Register. The RTCA document is available and may be obtained from RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036 and by email to info@rtca.org or go to <http://RTCA.org>. The ICAO document is available and may be obtained from the ICAO, Customer Services Unit, 999 University Street, Montréal, Québec H3C 5H7, Canada, by email to icaoahq@icao.int or go to: <http://www.ICAO.int>. You may inspect a copy at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554, or at the