



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **License Exempt Radios**

**Q. Are any two-way (walkie-talkie) radios authorized for unlicensed use in Belize?**

**A.** Yes. Under General Authorization by the PUC, Family Radio Service (FRS)/General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios are the class of radios that are license exempt in Belize.

**Q. Can I use as many as I want??**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. Can I import for myself or do I need an authorized seller?**

**A.** You can order Family Radio Service (FRS)/General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios and import them to Belize. You will need an import permit from the PUC to provide to the Customs officials upon entry to Belize. There is a \$25.00 processing fee. To apply, visit the Spectrum-E platform here: <https://puc.spectrum.center/>

**Q. What protection do I have from interference?**

**A.** No protection is given to the use of these FRS/GMRS radios. Should the use of these radios be found to be causing interference to a licensed operator, such use must be terminated immediately.

**Q. What radios are not license exempt?**

**A.** All brand and models of two way that are not FRS/GMRS radios require a license from the PUC. The frequency use description will clearly identify if the radios are of the type FRS/GMRS. FRS/GMRS radios operate on select frequencies in the UHF Band. If unsure, please have the PUC verify.

**Q. I want a quality two-way communication radio network. What is the difference between the license exempt class and the license class of operation?**

**A.** The Family Radio Service (FRS)/General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios share frequencies, are limited to 2 watts maximum transmit power, and have very limited range. These do not require a license. A license class radio is programmable, has higher transmit power, is assigned frequencies (single or duplex) based on requirements, is protected from interference, and pays an annual license fee per radio as per the Telecom Regulations outlined in Statutory Instrument (S.I.) 110 No. 16 of 2002.

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### **Compliance**

To obtain permits and establish the required license for the specific equipment in use/service, please contact the Public Utilities Commission website – [www.puc.bz](http://www.puc.bz) or telephone number +501.223.4938; or visit the PUC’s office at #4 Princess Margaret Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marina Towers, Belize City

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