

# Plain English Rules- Citizens Band Radio Service

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8. Subpart D of part 95, Citizens Band (CB) Radio Service, is completely revised to read as follows:

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## Subpart D—Citizens Band (CB) Radio Service

### General provisions

§ 95.401 (CB Rule 1) What is the Citizens Band (CB) Radio Service?

The CB Radio Service is a private, two-way, short-distance voice communications service for personal or business activities. The CB Radio Service may also be used for voice paging.

§ 95.402 (CB Rule 2) How do I use these rules?

(a) You must comply with these rules (See CBRule 21 95.421, for the penalties for violations) when you operate a station in the CB Service from:  
(1) Within or over the territorial limits of places where radio services are regulated by the FCC (see CB Rule 5, § 95.405);

(2) Aboard any vessel or aircraft registered in the United States; OR

(3) Aboard any unregistered vessel or aircraft owned or operated by a United States citizen or company.

(b) Your CB station must comply with technical rules found in Subpart E of Part 95.

(c) Where the rules use the word "you", "you" means a person operating a CB station.

(d) Where the rules use the word "person," the rules are concerned with an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a state, territorial or local government unit, or other legal entity.

(e) Where the rules use the term "FCC", that means the Federal Communications Commission.

(f) Where the rules use the term "CB station", that means a radio station transmitting in the CB Radio Service.

§ 95.403 (CB Rule 3) Am I eligible to operate a CB station?

You are authorized to operate a CB station unless:

(a) You are a foreign government, a representative of a foreign government, or a federal government agency; OR

(b) The FCC has issued a cease and desist order to you, and the order is still in effect.

§ 95.404 (CB Rule 4) Do I need a license?

You do not need an individual license to operate a CB station. You are authorized by this rule to operate your CB station in accordance with the rules in this Subpart.

§ 95.405 (CB Rule 5) where may I operate my CB station?

You are authorized to operate your CB station from:

(a) Within or over any area of the world where radio services are regulated by the FCC. Those areas are within the territorial limits of:  
(1) The fifty United States.  
(2) The District of Columbia.

### Caribbean insular areas

- (3) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- (4) Navassa Island.
- (5) United States Virgin Islands (50 islets and cays).

### Pacific Insular areas

- (6) American Samoa (seven islands).
- (7) Baker Island.
- (8) Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.
- (9) Guam Island.
- (10) Howland Island.
- (11) Jarvis Islad.
- (12) Johnston Island (Islets East, Johnston, North and Sand).
- (13) Kingman Reef.
- (14) Midway Island (Islets Eastern and Sand).
- (15) Palmyra Island (more than 50 islets).
- (16) Wake Island (Islets Peale, Wake and Wilkes).

(b) Any other area of the world, except within the territorial limits of areas where radio services are regulated by—

(1) An agency of the United States other than the FCC. (You are subject to its rules.)

(2) Any foreign government. (You are subject to its rules.)

(c) An aircraft or ship, with the permission of the captain, within or over any area of the world where radio services are regulated by the FCC or upon or over international waters. You must operate your CB station according to any applicable treaty to which the United States is a party.

§ 95.406 (CB Rule 6) Are there any special restrictions on the location of my CB station?

(a) If your CB station is located on premises controlled by the Department of Defense you may be required to comply with additional regulations imposed by the commanding officer of the installation.

(b) If your CB station will be constructed on land of environmental or historical importance (such as a location significant in American history, architecture or culture), you may be required to provide information and to comply, with 1.1305 through 1.1319 of the FCCs Rules.