
Fines for using unlicensed drone operators

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Thank you for contacting the FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Support Center.

Dear Sir:

The Enforcement Division initiates civil penalty actions under the statutory authority cited in 14 C.F.R. § 13.14 or § 13.18. The FAA has authority to issue orders assessing a civil penalty of up to \$400,000 against persons other than individuals and small business concerns and up to \$50,000 against individuals and small business concerns. Generally, the penalty for each violation ranges from \$1,100 to \$27,500, depending on the provision violated and the category of the alleged violator: individual serving as an airman, individual not serving as an airman, small business concern, or someone other than an individual or small business concern. The party the knowingly or unknowingly hires an unlicensed pilot would tend to be charged the higher fine.

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Please follow up with any further inquiries at UASHelp@faa.gov. Additional information is also available at <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>.

We appreciate your [feedback](#). Please select: UAS Safety and Integration Division AUS-400.