

## Quick Facts About the Felony Question

**Fact:** You must answer the Felony Question when you apply for a new license, upgrade your license, renew your license, or apply for a Vanity call sign.

**Fact:** You do not need to answer the felony question if you are submitting administrative updates to your license (e.g., Change of name, mailing, address, and/or your contact information (e.g., email address and phone number)).

**FACT:** If you answered the Basic Qualification Question aka the Felony Question 'Yes', you must do the following once a File Number has been issued to your application.

- Pay your application fee. Once your application is issued a File Number you have 10-calendar days for your payment to be received regardless of the method of payment.
- Provide an explanation. Once your application is issued a File Number you have 14-calendar days to submit an explanation of the circumstances that led to your conviction or guilty plea even if your conviction was overturned or you were pardoned.

**FACT:** After you've paid your application fee and after receipt of your explanation, the FCC will review it and do one of three things:

- Grant your application, or
- Return your application and request more information, or
- Keep your application status as Pending.

**FACT:** If your payment is not received within the 10-day payment period your application will be dismissed and if your explanation is not received in the 14-day time frame, your application will be dismissed, even if you paid your application fee.

- If your applicant is dismissed after you have paid your application fee, you can request a refund.
- In most cases, an application that is dismissed can be resubmitted. However, you will have to submit your application fee for the resubmitted application and provide your explanation.

**FACT:** Since September 2017, applications are dismissed only because the applicant failed to provide the required explanation or additional information requested by the FCC.

**FACT:** To date, no application on which the felony questions was answered 'Yes' has been denied.

**FACT:** Research suggests that the average time it takes the FCC to grant an application from applicants who answered the Felony Question 'Yes', is about 12-15 days.