

Instructions (in English) for registering drones in China
(Which is the first step for operating drones in China)

The China CAA link with these instructions is: <https://uas.caac.gov.cn/> (in Chinese)

We are told CAAC is working on an English website version.

CAAC UAS registration steps include:

Step 1. **Create an account.** The applicant should have a cell phone with a Chinese mobile sim card in order to register the drone (Chinese mobile phone sim cards can be purchased online at various sources, or once a traveler arrives at a Chinese airport). The cell phone is required to register because the user receives text messages as part of the process to get the user account. The system is available only for sim cards of Chinese mobile operators. The system does not provide international roaming service, therefore other country mobile sim cards cannot receive the text messages.

Step 2. **Register the drone.** After accessing the website above, the applicant should fill in name, country, and required drone information, such as the model and serial number. When the model is selected, other information will be filled in automatically (such as Minimum Takeoff Weight (MTOW), size, etc.). Registration is free.

Step 3. **Obtain the registration mark.** CAAC drone registration is a QR-code. When the user has finished filling in required information, they will receive the QR-code (either by download from website or from e-mail). Users must paste/stick the QR-code on the drone. The QR-code is also the link for others to scan for drone/user information.

Deregistration

The applicant can de-register the drone any time after registration using the same link. Deregistration is also free.

As additional registration and operation information becomes available, we will update this document.

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