

## Step by Step Process for all Applicants

All applicants go through a similar process. These can include a license, permit, or approval.

To start a process [contact Commercial Space Transportation](#) (PDF).

### Initial Discussions

1. Begins with conversations on the applicant's Concept of Operations (CONOP)
2. A Commercial Space Transportation POC is assigned to the applicant
3. A regulatory path is defined based on the applicant's CONOP
4. Movement into Pre-App depends on License/Permit/Approval

### 1. Pre-Application Consultation

1. A full pre-app team is assigned to the applicant
2. The license documents may be created and submitted to Commercial Space Transportation for feedback and refinement
3. The environmental process (NEPA) begins [if applicable]
4. The airspace and U.S. Coast Guard discussions begin [if applicable]
5. Ends when the application is submitted formally and accepted by Commercial Space Transportation for evaluation

### 2. Application Evaluation

1. 120 days for permits (statutory requirement)
2. 180 days for licenses (statutory requirement)
3. 180 days for approvals (internal AST requirement)

### 3. License Issuance/Denial

1. If a license/permit/approval is issued, Safety Inspectors conduct inspections.

## Commercial Space Transportation Process — Site/Vehicle Operator License

### Licensing Process: Vehicle/Site

