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Frank:

You asked about foreign residents and if they need to register with the FAA to fly in the United States.

The answer is yes. Foreign residents will need to register although it is more an “acknowledgement of ownership” as opposed to true registration required of US residents.

This can be done electronically in the future, however the FAA registration website doesn’t have that functionality right now. They expect to have the option available by February 19, 2016.

In the meantime, they can have a friend stateside register for the guest using the guests flying site or second home as an address. Later, he or she can correct the address when the site gets updated. The other option is for the guest to wait until he arrives and apply from a computer that is stateside.

Once the foreign resident is registered it’s “business as usual”.

For assistance one can call 877 396 4636 or email FAAHotline@faa.gov.

Hope this helps.

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