

QR Code How To Use – Quickie Steps –
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OK - I guess I should not make assumptions when it comes to how to load these. So here is the quickie notes - when I have time I'll write up more details, but for now this will have to do.

You can either load the maps by one of two ways to load the maps to your mobile apple device – I do not have a Google device to use or test this on.

The basic steps are:

- A. **Test the web link** – if the map doesn't open your weblink is wrong – check it & try again.
- B. **Copy the URL** – copy from browser OR scan & copy with QR reader tool.
- C. **Load to PDFMaps** – paste URL into FROM THE WEB field – this starts the download.

More detailed steps:

1. **Using a weblink or universal resource locator (URL)** – example of this is:
ftp://ftp.nifc.gov/Incident_Specific_Data/CALIF_N/z_Aviation/DPA2014_NoCA.pdf NOTE – if your email truncated this or split the link then this will not work – you need to make sure you have a full link. To test your link is working try opening it with a web browser on your device – if it doesn't open then the link is wrong. Check it again. All of these have been tested multiple times – they are working.
 - a. **Copy the URL from your browser tool** – once you open the map you can copy the URL by holding down on the full pathname on your browser (if you can't see the full pathname try a different browser) -> Select All to highlight the full URL -> hold down on the highlighted URL -> select copy. Now you can load this into PDFMaps. (see loading to PDFMaps below – **step 1c**)
 - b. **Scan the QRcode** – there are many tools to do this. I like QRAFTER the best for this – one click to copy the URL on most links. Here are steps for each one of that I have used on apple:
 - i. **QRAFTER** – open the application, click the camera, focus your camera on the QRcode, when focused the app reads the QRcode and gives you choices – open in a web browser, Copy Link, etc. Use Copy Link – now go to **step 1c**. If you need to open a web page then copy the URL see Step 1a.
 - ii. **iQRReader** – this will let you scan the QRcode, but only opens the web page – go to **step 1a** to copy the URL.
 - iii. **QR Reader** - this will let you scan the QRcode, but only opens the web page – go to **step 1a** to copy the URL.
 - iv. Others – there are many of them – I have not tested all, but happy to try to help you. I only have an apple iPad so I am limited in my testing abilities.
 - c. **Open PDFMaps** – from the Maps window click the + to add maps, use the FROM THE WEB field -> hold down here and Paste in the URL you just copied. The map should be recognized and will start downloading onto your device. If it errors try it again – check the link – you can see it clearly here. Try again. Once you get the hang of this its very easy!
2. **Downloading the files you want to your computer** and uploading them to your mobile device – this takes many more additional steps but once you download the maps to your computer you connect your device to that computer, depending on device and software you load the maps and open them in PDFMaps. It is much easier to use the 1st option.

I know this takes a bit to get used to at first – that's OK! Feel free to call me if you continue to have problems.

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