

STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATION

Big Changes Effective
April 1, 2016

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Plastic Student Pilot Certificates

- Effective April 1, 2016.
- A plastic student pilot certificate will remain valid until it is replaced, superseded, surrendered, suspended, or revoked. A plastic student pilot certificate is issued without an expiration date.
- AME's no longer issue.
- Medicals if required are separate.



Application

A person applying for a student pilot certificate is encouraged to utilize the Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application (IACRA) system whenever possible. IACRA can be accessed at <https://iacra.faa.gov/iacra/>.

The applicant must present the required documentation for proof of eligibility through a face-to-face interaction whether utilizing IACRA or a FAA form 8710-1, Airman Certification and/or Rating Application.

Student pilot applicant must possess an FAA Medical Certificate unless seeking Sport Pilot, balloon, or glider privileges.



Who?

The following qualified individuals may accept a student pilot certificate application:

- An Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) or Aviation Safety Technician (AST)
- A Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE)
- An Airman Certification Representative (ACR) associated with a pilot school
- An FAA Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)
- Timing: “About three weeks” (source: FAA)



Key Takeaways

- A student pilot certificate is issued without an expiration date.
- It can only be exercised with valid flight instructor endorsement(s) in the pilot's logbook.
- Before accepting a person's application for a student pilot certificate, the qualified individual must determine whether the applicant can read, speak, write, and understand the English language.



Medical Issues

- **NON-Medical Disability:** If the applicant cannot read, speak, write, or understand English for reasons other than a medical issue, an examiner may not accept the student pilot certificate application. Rather, the examiner or flight instructor should refer the applicant to the jurisdictional FSDO for further evaluation.



Medical Issues

- **Medical Disability:** If the applicant cannot read, speak, write, or understand English because of a medical disability (hearing or speech impairment) that is medically substantiated by a certified physician an **FAA ASI (Operations)** may accept a student pilot certificate application.



Paper Certificate Expiration

- If paper certificate, it expires at the end of 24 or 60 months depending on airman's age.
- Paper certificates *NOT* renewable.
- Upon expiration of a paper student pilot certificate, the applicant may apply for a plastic student pilot certificate from a qualified individual.



Endorsements

- The student pilot should retain the paper student pilot certificate (if holding such, expired or not) bearing any or all endorsements that remain valid.
- These endorsements are part of the student pilot's training record and should be retained with the student pilot's logbook.
- Any additional endorsements will go in the student's logbook.



Endorsements

- If the allotted space for flight instructor endorsements is full on a non-expired paper student pilot certificate and the student seeks endorsements for additional types of aircraft, the student should apply for a plastic student pilot certificate through a qualified individual.



Replacements

- A student pilot who holds a valid paper student pilot certificate issued on FAA form 8710-2 or on FAA form 8420-2 Application for Airman Medical Certificate or Airman Medical and Student Pilot Certificate may request a replacement (plastic) student pilot certificate by mail or online in accordance with § 61.29 or online.



Additional

- **FEES:** The FAA is silent on processing fees.
- **IACRA:** Time to REGISTER at: <https://iacra.faa.gov>
- **IACRA PRACTICE:** <https://iacratraining.faa.gov/>
- **PAPER 8710:** If application is made via paper.....



New 8710-1

TYPE OR PRINT ALL ENTRIES IN INK

 U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration				Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application			
I. APPLICATION INFORMATION (Mark 'X' in all the blocks applicable to the certificate or rating for which you are applying)							
Certificates		Ratings			Other Information/Requests		
Pilot: <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> ATP-Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> ATP	Instructor: <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Ground	Category and/or Class: <input type="checkbox"/> ASE <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane Type Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> AME <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Airship	<input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Glider <input type="checkbox"/> Powered-Lift	Instrument: <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Powered-Lift <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> Added Rating	Ground Instructor: <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument	
A. Name (Last, First, Middle)		B. SSN (US Only)		C. Date of Birth	D. Place of Birth (City and State) or (City and Country)		
Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Reexamination <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Proficiency Check <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Reissuance <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Flight Test <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Review <input type="checkbox"/> Limitation Removal <input type="checkbox"/> IPI <input type="checkbox"/>							

<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted Student Pilot Application - I have personally reviewed the appropriate information and verified this person meets the eligibility requirements and verified the applicant's identification		Instructor Action		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected Student Pilot Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Review		<input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Proficiency Check		<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation - I have personally instructed the applicant and consider this person ready to take the test.	
Date	Certified Flight Instructor's Signature (Print Name and Sign)			Certificate Number	CFI Certificate Expires



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