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Student Pilot Certificate

REQUIRED for Glider AND Power Students

In order to solo a powered aircraft you must be 16 on the date of solo. In order to solo a glider, you must be 14 on the date of solo. Therefore, if you are a Power Student and have not yet turned 16 on the date of the application but will be 16 years old by the first day of Desert Eagle, apply for a Glider Student Pilot Certificate instead of applying for a Power Student Pilot Certificate. Once issued, the Student Pilot Certificate will allow you to solo a powered aircraft, providing that you are 16 years old at the time of solo. To obtain a student pilot certificate, you will need to complete an application through the Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application (IACRA) website; once reviewed by the Airman Certification Branch, the student pilot certificate will be mailed to the address provided by you on the application.

Carefully follow the application steps noted below:

1. Go to <https://iacra.faa.gov> and click the “Register” link near the upper right corner of the page.
2. Select “Applicant” on the next page then review the Terms of Service (TOS) and click the “Agree to TOS and Continue>>” button to move on.
3. Fill out your *IACRA – User Profile Information* as accurately as possible. Your name should match the name on your photo id. Leave the “Airman Certificate Number” and “Date of Issuance” fields blank. Many pilots select “Do Not Use” regarding their social security number but this is up to you.
4. After registering, login with your new credentials.
5. Click the “Start New Application” button.
6. The Application Type will be “Pilot” and the Pilot Certifications will be “Student Pilot.” Click the Start Application button.
7. Fill in the information in the Personal Information section and click the Save & Continue button.



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8. Submit the application and make an appointment with an instructor or another authorized individual. **NOTE: For most, the easiest course of action will be to go to your nearest flight school (local airport) and find a flight instructor willing to help. TIP: Check and see if one of your Senior Members is a Flight Instructor or ask one of the CAP pilots to recommend an Instructor.**
9. When you meet the Flight Instructor, in person you will need to present a U.S. Passport or a certified copy of your Birth Certificate and a copy of a current government photo ID (**these need to be original documents – not copies**). If you are not sure that you have the correct identification, ask when you make the appointment. The process of applying for your Student Pilot Certificate will take about 30 minutes and there may be a fee of around \$25.00 charged. Applications submitted using IACRA will minimize processing time. Your student pilot certificate should arrive in the mail in about three weeks. Student Pilot certificates issued under this process will not have an expiration date.
10. **IMPORTANT:** In order to start training you will need to provide proof that you either have a student pilot certificate or that you have filled out and submitted the IACRA application. That can be accomplished by taking a screenshot of the initial IACRA dashboard as proof of your application. Make sure that the screenshot shows your FTN and your application ID. . **NOTE: Do not delay submitting your Student Pilot application – As a pilot you need to think ahead – start now!**
11. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Federal Regulations require that you prove to your Flight Instructor that you are in fact a citizen of the USA. Your Flight Instructor is required to document this verification in both your logbook and his/her own logbook. You can document your citizenship with either an **ORIGINAL** Passport (no photo copy) or an **ORIGINAL** Birth Certificate (no photo copy) **AND** a Government Issued picture ID.

YOU CAN NOT START TRAINING WITHOUT THIS ID CHECK. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COLLECT THESE DOCUMENTS.



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FAA Medical Certificate

REQUIRED for Power Students –

NOT REQUIRED FOR GLIDER STUDENTS

You will need to obtain and hold an FAA Medical Certificate prior to flying a powered aircraft solo. The process for getting a medical certificate is relatively simple: Check out the short instructional video at: <https://www.faa.gov/tv/?mediaId=554> then follow these instructions extracted from the FAA website:

The Federal Aviation Administration's MedXPress system allows anyone requiring an FAA Medical Certificate to electronically complete their medical application (FAA Form 8500-8). When you provide your confirmation number to the doctor's office, Information entered into MedXPress will be available to your aviation medical examiner (AME) to review prior to and at the time of your medical examination.

HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

1. MedXPress is located at: <https://medxpress.faa.gov/>
 2. First-time users should click on request account and complete the online form.
 3. You will be asked to supply your name and e-mail address; your e-mail address will be used as your account name when logging into FAA MedXPress.
 4. Next, you'll be prompted to answer three simple security questions that will be used to verify your identity if you forget your password or need help with your account.
 5. After submitting your form, your initial password and instructions for completing the account request process will be sent to the e-mail address you provided.
- IMPORTANT:** Never use someone else's MedXPress account to enter your information. Each applicant must create his or her own account. Only one applicant per e-mail address is allowed. **IMPORTANT:** Once you submit your application, you can no longer modify the application.



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HOW TO LOG IN

1. Once you receive e-mail confirmation that your account has been created, you can return to the FAA MedXPress login page and access the secure site using your e-mail address and the temporary password supplied in the confirmation e-mail.
2. Enter a permanent password and save that password in a secure place – do not depend on your memory.

APPLICATION FORM

1. Upon signing in to MedXPress, you'll see the medical application form.
2. Complete the form
3. When you have finished, enter your password where it indicates "I'm done. Send my application to the FAA".
4. Click "submit"
5. MedXPress will assign your application a confirmation number when it has been successfully submitted.
6. TIP: If you need to find information about the date of previous exams, medications used, or other such information before completing the MedXPress application, you can save what you have entered thus far and return later to complete any missing data. **Click the save now button on the bottom of the page and log off.** When you log back on, the entries you have made will still be there.
7. NOTE: ***It is recommended that you apply for a 3rd Class medical. There are three classes of medical, 3rd, 2nd and 1st. The third class medical is less expensive and will meet your needs until you are ready to qualify for a Commercial Pilot's License.***



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CONFIRMATION NUMBER

A confirmation number is provided for you upon successful submission of your medical application; this number is also e-mailed to you to confirm your application. When you make an appointment with your aviation medical examiner, you may be asked for this number so your AME can review your medical information prior to your physical.

Take your confirmation number with you when you arrive for your exam because your AME will NOT be able to access your exam without it. We strongly recommend that you view and print a copy of the completed form before logging off. Keep that copy in your personal FAA Medical File.

MAKE YOUR MOVE

After submitting the electronic application form, you have 60 days in which to schedule and take a physical examination with your AME. After 60 days, the application is deleted.

PERMANENT RECORD

When your AME imports your application using your confirmation number and saves it in the FAA's medical certification system, the application is considered a permanent record.

HELP

If you have technical questions at any point in the application process, you can call this toll-free MedXPress support number: (877) 287-6731 (available 24/7), or you can e-mail the support desk: 9-natl-avs-it-servicedesk@faa.gov



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REVIEW

1. Connect to MedXPress at <https://medxpress.faa.gov>
2. Create an account or login using your existing account
3. Enter medical application data
4. Submit application
5. Print summary sheet
6. Give summary sheet with confirmation number to your AME

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FAA Medical Certificates are issued by an FAA Designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). AME's are physicians with a special interest in aviation safety and have training in aviation medicine.

Some conditions that can be disqualifying or could slow your medical approval include but are not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes • Heart Disease • Nervous Disorders • History of Kidney Stones • Emotional or Mental Disorders • Certain prescribed medications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epilepsy • Uncorrectable Vision • Certain Levels of Hearing Loss • History of Alcohol or Drug Dependence • Any condition that could impair your ability to operate an aircraft safely
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If you would like further information on potentially disqualifying conditions or medications, the standards for medical certification are contained in [Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 67](#). If 14 CFR Part 67 indicates that a condition will not allow you to obtain a medical certificate, all hope is not lost. There may be an option to obtain a special issuance medical certificate or obtain a medical with certain operating limitations. If you are in good health and ready to obtain your FAA Medical Certificate, find an AME, schedule an appointment, and fill out your application in [MedXPress](#) before going to see the doctor. Be truthful on this application, especially in the area of alcohol related driving offenses. The FAA can and will check your answers against the National Driver Register database. Falsification of facts can lead to fines and revocation of certificates.

You can find an AME using the FAA's database found at <http://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/>. ***Even better, ask a pilot in your CAP Squadron for a recommendation.***

This is the beginning of an exciting and possibly a lifelong quest. Pay attention to detail and we look forward to seeing you at Desert Eagle. LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!