



NFA - DESERT EAGLE

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.

NOTE: DO NOT DELAY THIS PROCESS – IT TAKES TIME - WE HAVE HAD STUDENTS IN THE PAST WHO PROCRASTINATED – DID NOT RECEIVE THE STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATE ON TIME AND CONSEQUENTLY WERE UNABLE TO SOLO. DO NOT DELAY – IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE PROCESS – GET HELP.

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.



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7. Fill in the information in the Personal Information section and click the Save & Continue button.
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! We have had cadets who were unable to solo because they started the application process too late, ran into problems and did not receive their Student Pilot Certificate in time. DO NOT BE THIS PERSON!**
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.