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1. Application For

Airman Medical Certificate

This is the correct box if you currently hold a valid Student, Recreational, Private, Commercial, Airline Transport Pilot, or Flight Instructor Certificate. You will be issued a white medical certificate for the appropriate class of medical applied for.

Airman Medical And Student Pilot Certificate

This is the correct box if you are applying for your very first medical certificate and do not currently hold any other pilot certificate. You will be issued a yellow certificate that serves as both your medical and student pilot certificate. The student pilot privileges and medical certificate will be valid for 24-months, unless you are under age 40, in which case the medical

FAA's MedXPress Once submitted – it's final







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The FAA MedXPress system allows anyone requiring an FAA Medical Certificate or Student Pilot Medical Certificate to electronically complete the FAA Form 8500-8.

Information entered into MedXPress will be transmitted to the FAA and will be available for your AME to review at the time of your medical examination.

NOTE: A medical examination by an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) is required to complete the certification process. The FAA MedXPress system is not available for submission of FAA Air Traffic Control Specialist exams at this time.

Basic Information

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Yes	No Condition	Yes	No Condition
a. 🗌	☐ Frequent or severe headaches	g. 🗌	Heart or vascular trouble
b. 🗌	Dizziness or fainting spell	h. 🗌	High or low blood pressure
c. 🗌	Unconsciousness for any reason	i. 🗌	Stomach, liver, or intestinal trouble
d. 🗌	Eye or vision trouble except glasses	j. 🗌	☐ Kidney stone or blood in urine
e. 🗌	Hay fever or allergy	k. 🗌	☐ Diabetes
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Yes	No Condition	Yes	No Condition
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	revocation of driving privileges or which resulted in attendance at an educational or a rehabilitation program

Yes	No
	☐ History of nontraffic
	conviction(s)
	(misdemeanors or felonies)

Traffic-related

Yes

- Driving while intoxicated
- History of arrests
- Administrative actions
- Non-traffic convictions



20. Applicant's National Driver Register and Certifying Declarations

I hereby authorize the National Driver Register (NDR), through a designated State Department of Motor Vehicles, to furnish to the FAA information pertaining to my driving record. This consent constitutes authorization for a single access to the information contained in the NDR to verify information provided in this application. Upon my request, the FAA shall make the information received from the NDR, if any, available for my review and written comment. Authority: 23 U.S Code 401, Note.

NOTE: ALL persons using this form must sign it. NDR consent, however, does not apply unless this form is used as an application for Medical Certificate or Medical Certificate and Student Pilot Certificate.

I hereby certify that all statements and answers provided by me on this application form are complete and true to the best of my knowledge, and I agree that they are to be considered part of the basis for issuance of any FAA certificate to me. I have also read and understand the Privacy Act statement that accompanies this form.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Visits to Health Professionals Within Last 3 Years



19. Visits to He	ealth Professional Within Last 3 Years.	☐ Yes (Explain Below)	☐ No	See Instructions Page
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- "Previously reported no change"

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- 1. Personality disorder manifested by overt acts
- 2. Psychosis
- 3. Bi-polar disorder
- 4. Alcoholism
- 5. Substance dependence
- 6. Epilepsy



- 7. Myocardial Infarction
- 8. Angina Pectoris
- 9. Coronary artery disease that has required treatment, or, if untreated, has been symptomatic or clinically significant.



- 10.Pacemaker implantation
- 11.Cardiac valve replacement
- 12.Heart replacement



13. Diabetes mellitus requiring oral hypoglycemic medication or insulin for control

14. Disturbance of consciousness without explanation

15. Transient loss of nervous system control (stroke or TIA)

67.401-Special Issuance Authorization

- Is required when the condition is one of the 15 specified disqualifiers.
- May also be used with a time limitation for any other condition that the FAA determines requires more frequent re-evaluation.

- AOPA Webinar on Special Issuance Medical Certification, July 20 at 9:00 pm (Eastern Time).
- Dr. Warren
 Silberman, FAA
 Director of Airman
 Certification, CAMI
- Register online at aopa.ilinc.com

67.401-Special Issuance Authorization



- Includes more frequent reexamination, with testing to prove stability
- Pursuant to ICAO recommendations, FAA requires pilots to carry the authorization letter when they fly.

FAR 61.53

Perhaps one of the most important regulations

 It is the "self-certification" mechanism that places the burden on pilots to determine eligibility each time they fly.



FAR 61.53



"...A person who holds a medical certificate...shall not act as pilot in command...while that person:

(1) Knows or has reason to know of any medical condition that would make the person unable to meet the requirements for the medical certificate necessary for the pilot operation; or...

FAR 61.53

(2) Is taking medication or receiving other treatment for a medical condition that results in the person being unable to meet the requirements for the medical certificate necessary for the pilot operation.

Medications - OTC's and Rx:

FAR 91.17(a): "No person may act or attempt to act as a crew member of a civil aircraft while using any drug that affects the person's faculties in any way contrary to safety."



FAA's position on Medications

The use of any drug that acts on the central nervous system may contraindicate aviation safety and therefore may be considered inappropriate for use while exercising airman privileges.



A Typical FDA drug warning

More common side effects may include:

Anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergic reaction), anemia, appetite loss, chest congestion or tightness, chills, confusion, constipation, convulsions, diarrhea, difficulty urinating, dizziness, dry mouth, nose, or throat, earlier-than-expected menstrual period, exaggerated feeling of well-being, excessive perspiration, excitement, faintness, fatigue, fluttery or throbbing heartbeat, frequent urination, hallucinations, headache, hives, hysteria, inability to urinate, increased appetite and weight gain, insomnia, irritability, lack of coordination, light sensitivity, liver problems, low blood pressure, nausea, nervousness, rapid heartbeat, rash and swelling, restlessness, ringing in the ears, sleepiness, stomach pain, stuffy nose, tingling or pins and needles, tremor, vertigo, vision problems (double vision, blurred vision), vomiting, weight gain, wheezing, yellow eyes and skin

Disqualifying, or requiring special issuance

- Anticoagulants
- Antiviral agents
- Anxiolytics
- Barbiturates
- Chemotherapeutic Agents
- Experimental hypoglycemic

- Investigational
- Motion Sickness
- Narcotic
- Sedating antihistaminic
- Sedatives
- Tranquilizers
- Mood-altering

Antidepressants



- New FAA policy regarding SSRIs
- Now allows 4
 medications with
 diagnoses of
 depressive illness
- Requires thorough psychiatric and neuropsychological exam and periodic follow up from treating physician

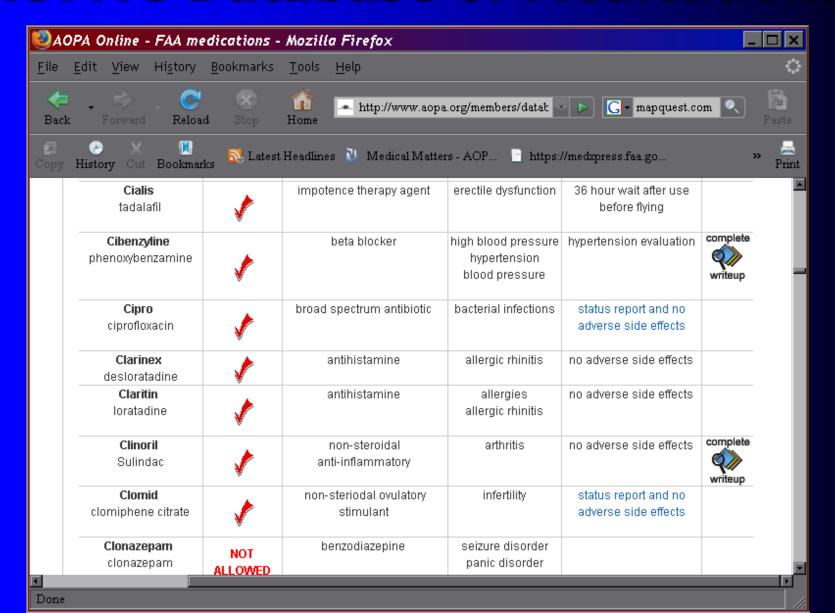
Antidepressants now allowed with special issuance

- The FAA recently changed the policy regarding use of SSRIs
- Now allows four medications with diagnoses of depressive illnesses
 - Prozac, Zoloft,
 Celexa, Lexapro
- Requires thorough psychiatric and neuropsychological and periodic follow up from treating physician



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AOPA's Database of Medications



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Pilot in Command

- ACTING versus LOGGING pilot-incommand time
- FAA distinguishes between the two, and logging PIC time is legal without a medical as long as the ACTING pilot in command is properly certificated.



Choosing an AME



So what happens if the AME doesn't issue a certificate?

- Issuance 94% of medicals are issued at the time of examination
- Deferral AME passes the buck to the FAA for a decision
- Denial finding of disqualification

Deferral

- A deferral means a delay, so plan accordingly
- Often, the response will be a request for additional information (FAR 67.413)



How many pilots actually get denied?

- 455,000 applications
 - -12,719 special issuances
 - -3184 denials
 - 2617 did not pursue further (.7%)
 - -567 final denials on the books (.5%)

What class of medical do you really need?

First Class Second Class Third Class

- As a general rule, apply for the LOWEST class you really need.
- ATP privileges require a first class medical.
- Commercial requires a second class.
- Student, recreational, private requires a third class.

CFIs: What class of medical do you really need?

FAR 61.23(a)(3)

...must hold at least a third class medical certificate while exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate.

Third Class

Sport Pilot



- Self certification with a valid state drivers license and no knowledge of a medical condition that would make you unable to safely operate . . .
- But there is a catch - -

Sport Pilot



- Your most recent medical certificate or special issuance must not have been
 - denied,
 - suspended,
 - or revoked!

Working with the FAA

- Persistence
- Diligence
- Attention to detail
- Knowledge of your medical condition AND of the certification process



AOPA's
Medical Services Program
can help in several ways

AOPA's Medical Services Program

Essential Level

Periodic follow up with the FAA to track the progress of your case through the review process

Comprehensive Level

- Periodic status inquiries as with Essential,
 PLUS review of your medical records before they're sent to the FAA.
- Ensures that everything the FAA needs is included, and that the review will result in issuance of a medical certificate.

AOPA's Medical Services Program

- Enroll online
 http://www.aopa.org/info/certified/medical/index.html
- Or call AOPA 1-800-USA-AOPA (872-2672)



Final Questions



- Thanks for participating!
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- More medical info is online www.aopa.org/members/pic/medical/
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