

Lake Area Technical College

Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot Training

Medical Certificate Guidelines



A pre-requisite to entering the Lake Area Technical College Professional Pilot program is that, at a minimum, you must get a FAA Class 2 Medical Certificate. We recommend that you get a Class 1 medical so that you know you can pass the physical instead of finding out when you're looking for your first job that you can't.

There are three classes of medical certificates in the FAA

- ✓ Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3. A Class 3 medical is for pilots who don't fly commercially. The Class 1 and Class 2 medicals are for pilots who do fly commercially, the Class 2 being a more restrictive on what type of commercial flying they can do compared to a Class 1. For instance, airline pilots have Class 1 medicals.
- ✓ You are at the beginning of a high cost training program to become a commercial pilot. You **NEED TO KNOW NOW** if you can pass a Class of physical that will allow you to fly commercially before you go through the time and expense of training to be a commercial pilot.

Getting a medical certificate: https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/get/
When you're in the web site this might look backwards, but first you should use the [Aviation Medical Examiner](#) hyperlink to locate a medical examiner in your area and schedule an appointment to get a physical. You'll click the MedXPress hyperlink to establish an account (there's no cost).

IMPORTANT: You'll need to take your MedXPress information with you to your physical.

If you have corrective lenses, it would be advisable to schedule an eye exam in the 90 days prior to getting your physical and take an FAA form 8500-7 https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/8500-7_PRA_revised.pdf with you to your eye appointment. Then take that form from your eye appointment to your appointment with the Aviation Medical Examiner. If you've had eye surgery in the preceding two years, a waiver will need to be provided from your eye specialist to the Aviation Medical Examiner.

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