

# Student Pilot Certificate & Medical Requirement

1. After your first or second flight you will want to register for an IACRA account at <http://iacra.faa.gov> to obtain your student pilot certificate. Below are the step by step instructions to get your account. After you create your account your flight instructor will approve you at your next lesson.

**Instructions Online:** <https://iacra.faa.gov/IACRA/HelpandInfo.aspx?id=6>

## New User Guide - Student Pilot

### **Part 1: Starting a Student Application**

- Login to IACRA with your username and password. If you don't remember them, follow the "Forgot Username or Password" link.
- Applicant Console
  - From the Applicant Console, you can start new applications and view any existing applications. Click Start New Application
  - Select 'Pilot' from the Application Type dropdown list. This will now show the different types of pilot certificates IACRA has available.
  - Click on Student Pilot. There is no other information required to start a student application, so click Start Application.

### **Part 2: Student Application Process**

- The Application Process page will open, and the Personal Information section will be open. This section will be prepopulated with the information you entered when you registered. If no changes are needed, click the green Save & Continue button in the bottom of this section.
- The Certificate Held section will open. Answer the English Language and Drug Conviction questions. If you have a medical certificate enter it, but it is not required for Student pilots. Click Save & Continue.
- The Basis of Issuance section will open. There is no information needed in this section so click Save & Continue.
- The Pilot Time section will open. There is no information needed in this section so click Save & Continue.
- The Review and Submit section will open.
  - Answer the Denied Certificate question.
  - Summary information info will be displayed.
  - You must view the Privacy Act and Review your application before you can submit your application. Click Submit Application.
- Your application is **NOT complete** at this point. You must meet with a Certified Flight Instructor, also known as a Recommending Instructor (RI) in IACRA, to complete the process. You must bring valid photo ID to that meeting.

### **Part 3: Certifying Process**

- When you meet with an RI, they will login and look you up using your FTN and they will start the Certifying Checklist.
- The RI will verify your identity and enter ID information. They will also verify your English Language Proficiency and that you meet minimum Student Age requirements.
- After reviewing the application together, the RI will verify that you have reviewed the Privacy Act and the Pilot Bill of Rights.
- You (the applicant) will enter your username and password and then electronically sign the Pilot's Bill of Rights Acknowledgement and the Student Pilot application.
- The RI will reenter their credentials to continue the Checklist.
- The RI will sign and complete your application.
- Your application will now be electronically sent to the FAA Airman Certification branch.
- Your permanent certificate will arrive by mail in about 2-3 weeks.

2. Before you can solo an aircraft (which is around lesson 29) you will need to obtain a **3<sup>rd</sup> class medical/student pilot certificate.**  
**\*\*If you are looking to fly as a career you should look to get a 1<sup>st</sup> class medical. Please discuss with the Crosswinds Office regarding this.\*\***

3. Below are business cards for 2 Aviation Medical Examiners that we have used. You can also find a listing of other medical examiners online at:  
<https://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/>  
[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/medical\\_certification/get/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/get/)

For questions regarding getting a medical please go to this website:  
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**You can find information on the FAA website here regarding ADD medical information:**  
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4. The FAA MedXPress system allows anyone requesting an FAA Medical Clearance or Medical Certificate to electronically complete an application. Create a new account on the FAA MEDXPRESS - <https://medxpress.faa.gov/medxpress/>



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