

## Medical Certificate Guidelines Lake Area Technical College

Obtaining a medical certificate is a pre-requisite to entering the Lake Area Technical College Professional Pilot program. You need one of these before you can complete your FAA Private Pilot solo requirements during your first semester.

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 an expensive, two-year 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.

Instructions for getting a medical certificate

STEP 1: [https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/medical\\_certification/get/](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/get/)

STEP 2: Click the [Aviation Medical Examiner](#) hyperlink and select AME in the dropdown box to locate a medical examiner in your area. Call the number to schedule an appointment to get, at a minimum, a CLASS 2 physical. As we suggest above, it would be even better to get a CLASS 1 so that you know now that you can pass it.

STEP 3: Click the MedXPress hyperlink to establish an account (there's no cost).

STEP 4: While logged in to MedXPress, click the [Home](#) button and [Start New Application](#).  
Complete the on-line application form.  
Submit your application  
Print the summary sheet  
Take the summary sheet with confirmation number to your AME

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 with you to your eye exam.

[https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/8500-7\\_PRA\\_revised.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/8500-7_PRA_revised.pdf)

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.