

Lake Area Tech College

MEDICAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT PILOTS

Student pilots must have in their possession a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) medical certificate before they can fly an airplane without an instructor. In the Lake Area Tech College Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot curriculum that will occur about mid-point of the first semester. To get the medical certificate, the student needs to locate a FAA Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) and have a physical examination.

Below are the instructions on how to find an AME examiner and schedule an appointment.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to <https://designee.faa.gov/#/designeeLocator>

- Select Aviation Medical Examiner (AME), click Location Search, select country, select state, click SEARCH
- Choose one of the AME's on the list
- Call the phone number listed and schedule yourself for a **third class medical exam**

Prices will vary between AMEs but it will probably be about \$150.

During your time at LATC you will only need a 3rd class medical while you're preparing for your commercial pilot career. HOWEVER, it would be wise to ask the AME during your physical if he/she sees any reason that you would not be able to pass a 1st class exam. This would be a factor after you graduate and you start flying for hire.

A brief summary of the classifications of medical certificates are as follows (for people under 40):

- **3rd Class** – is what is required of private pilots. Private pilots can carry passengers but they can't be paid to fly. Valid for 5 years.
- **2nd Class** – is what a commercial pilot (not flying for an airline) needs. Unlike private pilots, these pilots are being paid to fly. Valid for 2 years.
- **1st Class** – is what an airline pilot needs. Valid for 1 year.

All FAA details with FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS can be found at https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/faq/