

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 you will need a Class 2 Medical Certificate. We also strongly suggest that you ask your examiner during your physical if he/she sees any issues that would prevent you from getting a Class 1 Medical.

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 captains 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/
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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