

Applying for a Medical Certificate

It is not mandatory for you as a new flight student to have a valid medical certificate prior to beginning your flight training. It is, however a mandatory requirement that you have one prior to be endorsed for or conducting any solo flight operations.

It is strongly suggested that all students obtain their medical certificate very early in their flight training. This is suggested so that you do not end up wasting time or money if you are unable to obtain one in the future.

For solo flight privileges and operations and to obtain and exercise the privileges of a private pilot certificate a student needs:

- Hold at least a Third Class Medical Certificate
 - First and Second Classes are also acceptable! (First Class if you plan to fly for the airlines in the future, second class if you plan to fly other commercial operations that you will be paid for)

How to Find an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME)

You can locate an Aviation Medical Examiner's (AME) in your local area by visiting the FAA website: [Find an Aviation Medical Examiner \(AME\)](#)

Once you have located an Aviation Medical Examiner's (AME) and scheduled a date and time for your medical examination you will be advised to complete the FAA MedXPress form on the FAA website MedXPress <https://medxpress.faa.gov> prior to attending the medical exam.

MedXPress is an online application system used by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the processing of medical certification applications for pilots and air traffic controllers. This system allows applicants to complete the necessary medical history portion of the application electronically before their medical examination with an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME).

The MedXpress system is designed to streamline the application process, reduce paperwork, and make it easier for aviation professionals to maintain their medical certification.

Accuracy and Honesty: It is crucial to provide accurate and honest information on the MedXPress application to avoid any issues with the certification process.

Preparation: Gather all necessary medical information, including details about any medications, medical conditions, and treatments, before starting the application.

Review: Double-check all information for accuracy before submitting the form.

Process for Using MedXPress:

1. Create an Account: Applicants need to create an account on the MedXPress website. This involves providing some basic personal information.
2. Complete the Application: Once the account is set up, applicants can fill out the medical history form. This includes information about medical conditions, medications, and other health-related questions.
3. Receive Confirmation Number: After completing the form, applicants will receive a confirmation number. This number must be provided to the AME at the time of the medical examination.
4. Medical Examination: During the medical exam, the AME will access the applicant's information using the confirmation number, review it, and conduct the necessary physical examination.
5. Certification Decision: Based on the information provided and the results of the medical exam, the AME will make a determination about the applicant's medical fitness for aviation duties.

If you have any questions about this process you should speak to your flight instructor or the ECAC dispatch office staff.