



DPE Tips

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In an effort to assist DPEs in their daily tasks and keep them up-to-date on the latest developments in pilot certification, we will be sending out a periodic *DPE Tips* email. These emails will address some of the problems and concerns that we have encountered in the field and offer solutions and best practices. We will also discuss recent and upcoming changes affecting the pilot certification process.

New Student Pilot Certificate Rule Effective April 1, 2016

14 CFR Part 61, Subpart C, prescribes the requirements for the issuance of student pilot certificates. (14 CFR Part 61.83) lists the general eligibility requirements, and §61.85 details the application process for individuals seeking a Student Pilot Certificate.

Beginning April 1, 2016, §61.85 becomes obsolete. Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE) and Designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) will no longer be authorized to issue student pilot certificates. Per FAA Advisory Circular 61-65F, the Student Pilot Certificate Applicant must now make application to either an FAA ASI or AST, 141 Flight School Airman Certification Representative (ACR), a Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI), or a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE). All student pilot certificates will now be issued, without an expiration date, by the Civil Aviation Registry, AFS-760, on a high quality plastic card stock containing tamper-and counterfeit-resistant features, once the TSA has completed their applicant background check.

A Temporary Airman Certificate will **not** be issued for use while waiting for the permanent certificate to be received. *The permanent certificate from AFS-760 must be in the Student Pilot's possession to exercise solo privileges.*

FAA ASI's and AST's, ACR's, CFI's, or DPE's may accept a person's application for an FAA Student Pilot Certificate by using either IACRA or the paper FAA Form 8710-1.

*Important to note is that when a DPE, ACR, ASI, or AST is processing an application for a Student Pilot Certificate, the authorized individual **must** select the role of "**Recommending Instructor.**"

In order for an authorized individual to accept a student pilot application using IACRA, the authorized individual must be registered in IACRA as the role of "Recommending Instructor."

In accordance with § 61.193(b), before processing an application for a Student Pilot Certificate, the authorized individual must ensure the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, as well as verify the applicant's identity.

If the applicant does **not** meet the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, do not check the accepted box. Check the rejected Student Pilot application box **and continue processing the application.**

When using a traditional (paper) FAA Form 8710-1, if it is determined the applicant does **not** meet the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, the authorized individual will check the "*Reject Student Pilot Certificate Application*" box in the appropriate section on the last page. The

authorized individual will also check the box in the FAA AELP statement at the bottom of the last page on the application, “*Does Not Meet FAA Aviation English Language Proficiency.*” After verifying the application is complete, the ACR, CFI, or DPE will forward this application to the jurisdictional FSDO for data entry and processing - ***even if the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.***

Once it is verified the applicant **does** meet the eligibility requirements of § 61.83, the authorized individual will check the “*Accepted Student Pilot Certificate Application*” box in the appropriate section. The authorized individual will also select the “*Meets FAA Aviation English Language Proficiency*” box in the FAA AELP statement at the bottom of the last page of the application. The authorized individual will then send the completed student pilot application to their jurisdictional FSDO for data entry if using a paper FAA Form 8710-1.

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