

FAA Medical

General Requirements

Reedley College requires Flight Science students who take Flight lab classes to hold a 3rd class (or higher) medical certificate during all semesters of Flight labs. You must submit a copy of your medical certificate as part of the application process to be accepted into the Flight Science degree. A medical certificate is issued after completing an online medical history form and then receiving an actual medical exam by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) doctor.

Some applicants have a medical condition that must be reviewed by the FAA prior to the medical certificate being issued. It is strongly recommended that prospective students apply for the medical certificate 4-5 months in advance of when they want to have the certificate.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a web page with [Frequently Asked Questions about Medical Certificates](#).

Most medical exams cost between \$125 - \$200.

STEP 1: Decide which Medical Exam to Take

Students planning to become airline pilots are highly encouraged to obtain an FAA 1st class medical certificate. Business jet pilots, crop duster pilots, firefighting pilots, and any non-airline paid pilot positions only require a 2nd class medical. Flight Instructors will only need a 3rd class medical. Reedley College students must hold and maintain a valid 3rd class medical or higher (2nd or 1st) while registered and flying in a Flight Lab course.

If you held an FAA medical certificate *in the past*, you may qualify under BasicMed. This [AOPA webpage](#) has more information to confirm if this applies to you (in lieu of a 3rd class medical).

STEP 2: Pick a Permanent Name to use with FAA

You will need one permanent name that meets FAA requirements. **This name MUST be IDENTICAL on all on all your FAA related documents: Government issued photo ID (such as current Driver's License or valid passport), FAA medical, student pilot certificate, regular pilot certificate, FAA written test results, and FAA application documents.**

Your valid government issued photo ID and ALL the FAA documents MUST HAVE THE EXACT SAME NAME by the time you get your private pilot certificate. You CANNOT have initials on your IDs or on FAA paperwork. All names on your ID and all FAA documents *must be spelled-out. No initials are allowed.*

It will be easier to change your driver's license now so all your FAA documents will match your new driver's license. This is much easier than trying to fix all your FAA documents later. If you decide to use your valid passport as your ID, then all FAA documents must exactly match the passport.

When you take your FAA written tests, the photo ID used must have your current mailing address on it. A passport does not show an address. If you use your passport as an ID for this test, then you must have a second form of ID with a current mailing address.

*Decide how you will handle your permanent name now **before** you fill-out the online application for your medical (MEDEXPRESS). If you have questions about a name that is not first, middle, and last (or you have more than three names) ...then call the AOPA for advice on how to handle it. Student pilots can join the AOPA for 3 months for free at the bottom left of this [AOPA webpage](#).*

Examples of three names:

Mabel Anita Jackson

Juan Roberto Garcia-Ramirez

It is strongly recommended that you fix all the above ID issues PRIOR to obtaining your medical certificate.

Step 3: Consult with the AOPA

It is highly recommended the AOPA instructions at these two links below be followed PRIOR to starting the online application for an FAA medical certificate:

[AOPA Medical Resource page](#)

Join the AOPA for free (see above) to see if you think you may have any medical issues you need to talk to AOPA. Do this PRIOR to filling-out MedExpress at the FAA.

STEP 4: Fill-out and Submit MEDEXPRESS

[MEDEXPRESS](#) is an online system where you enter all your life's medical history to the FAA PRIOR to seeing the FAA approved doctor. An FAA approved doctor is known as an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). A portion of this application can be done and saved and then returned to later to finish. If you do the final *submission*, and find there

are errors, you must start a new application from scratch. Do not “submit” until you are sure it is accurate and complete.

To receive a medical certificate, an online application (MedExpress) must be accomplished and submitted online first. The confirmation number from this online submission must be recorded and taken to an FAA approved doctor (AME). It is highly recommended you print-out the entire MEDEXPRESS application and place in a safe location to refer to at the next medical exam.

STEP 5: Make Appointment and visit an Aviation Medical Examiner

Call and make an appointment with an AME who can do the type of exam you want (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Take the MedExpress confirmation number and payment with you to the appointment.

Most AMEs charge \$150 - \$200 for the exam.

The actual medical exam must be done by an FAA doctor approved as an AME. Students may search for AMEs in their area at the [FAA website](#). A partial list of AMEs is provided below.

If you pass the exam, the AME will issue the FAA Medical to you at that visit. If you lose your Medical Certificate, you can order a replacement from the FAA. A copy of the medical certificate is not valid.

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STEP 6: Send copy of medical certificate to Program Coordinator

Once you receive a medical certificate, scan or take a clear picture of the medical certificate and send to the Flight Science Program Coordinator.

Reedley College does not endorse or recommend AMEs. Below is a list generated from the FAA website.

Aviation Medical Examiners near Reedley College

As of May 25, 2018

AMEs Who Can do 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Medical Exams

ATMAJIAN, TIMOTHY 3030 N. FRESNO STREET, SUITE 101, FRESNO CA
93703 PHONE: (559) 227-1622

SEVEL, GARRY S 6121 N. Thesta Street Suite 110, FRESNO CA 93710
PHONE: (559) 432-5633

WITMER, BRUCE J 6121 N THESTA #106, FRESNO CA 93710
PHONE: (559) 431-4226

LAM, HENRY M 450 E. YOSEMITE AVENUE, SUITE D, MERCED CA 95340
Phone: (209) 722-3924

NEVATT, GEORGE W 394 E. YOSEMITE AVENUE, STE200, MERCED, CA 95340
Phone: (209) 383-3990

BERMUDEZ, RITA 630 ALHAMBRA BLVD, SACRAMENTO CA 95816
Phone: (916) 444-7137

DUGDALE, WILLIAM R 3400 ELVAS AVENUE, SACRAMENTO CA 95819
Phone (916) 869-7070

KOMIN, MICHAEL L 1150 E. LERDO HIGHWAY #C, SHAFTER CA 93263
Phone: (661) 630-5890

PATEL, JAGDISH 644 W 12TH ST, TRACY CA 95376
Phone: (209) 832-8984

PRIEST, ALLEN E 6600 MERCY CT STE 210, FAIR OAKS, CA 95628
Phone: (916) 967-8201

ROOT, DAVID 2708 MERCANTILE DRIVE, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95742
Phone: (916) 287-4420

WARWICK, JOHN L 205 W GRANGER. MODESTO CA 95350
Phone: (209) 579-9930

AMEs Who Can Do 2nd & 3rd Class Medical Exams only

LICHTENSTEIN, RON 2210 E Illinois Ave Suite 406, FRESNO CA 93701
PHONE: (559) 486-8888

VERMA, YASH PAL 1850 WHITSON STREET, SELMA CA 93662
PHONE: (559) 896-1414

EWING, WILLIE B 784 N LEMOORE AVE. LEMOORE CA 93245
Phone: (559) 924-5358

BATRA, SANJEEV 1307 NORTH COMMERCE STREET, STOCKTON CA 95202
Phone: (209) 464-7757

HARRIS, MATTICE F 1448 FLORIDA AVENUE, MODESTO CA 95350
Phone: (209) 523-1884

HOLIHAN, RICHARD C. 600 COFFEE ROAD, MODESTO CA 95355
Phone: (209) 524-1211