

# FAA Medical

## General Requirements

Reedley College requires Flight Science students who take Flight lab classes to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 about Medical Certificates, please read it.](#)

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 1<sup>st</sup> class medical certificate. Business jet pilots, crop duster pilots, firefighting pilots, and any non-airline paid pilot positions only require a 2<sup>nd</sup> class medical. Flight Instructors will only need a 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical. Reedley College students must hold and maintain a valid 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical or higher (2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup>) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. If a student has only two names, leave the middle name blank. Student pilots can join the AOPA for 3 months for free at the [AOPA webpage](#). [Free Membership for ages 13-20](#)*

Examples of three names:

Mabel Anita Jackson

Juan Roberto Garcia-Ramirez

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Example of two names:

David Fredrickson

**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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>). 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 program coordinator at [flight@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:flight@reedleycollege.edu)

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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		
LICHTENSTEIN, RON	2210 E Illinois Ave Suite 406,	FRESNO	CA 93701
	PHONE: (559) 486-8888		
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

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