

Foreign License Verification

FAA Private Pilot License Issued on the Basis of a Foreign ICAO License

Description

Prospective students who hold a Private Pilot or greater certificate issued by a foreign International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) member state can apply for an FAA Private Pilot certificate on the basis of that foreign license under the provision of 14 CFR Part 61.75.

Those who apply for a certificate issued on the basis of a foreign license are required to have the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) that issued the certificate(s) verify the validity and currency of the foreign license. It is recommended that applicants pre-apply to the FAA to validate their foreign license at least 60 days before arriving at FlightSafety Academy.*

Once the foreign license is verified, the FAA will send a Verification of Authenticity letter to the applicant's address and the FAA Flight Standards District Office provided on the application. This letter is required prior to issuing the applicant an FAA Private Pilot certificate based on his/her foreign pilot license.

Application

The applicant will begin the application process by submitting a form developed by the FAA Certification Branch. The form is available in FlightSafety Academy's information packet or online. Follow these steps to download the Verification of Authenticity form and instructions from the FAA website:

- 1) Go to www.faa.gov.
- 2) Click on the "Licenses and Certificates" tab.
- 3) Click on the "Airmen Certification" link in the center of the page.
- 4) Click on the "Verify the Authenticity of a Foreign License, Rating, or Medical Certification" link in the center of the page. This page will provide instructions as well as another link "Verification of Authenticity of Foreign License, Rating, and Medical Certification," which will allow you to download the PDF form.

The packet submitted to the FAA must include the completed form as well as the following documents:

- 1) A legible copy of all pages of the foreign pilot license.
- 2) A legible English transcription of the foreign pilot license, if the license is not in English.
- 3) A legible copy of the foreign medical license/endorsement, as appropriate.

The applicant sends the completed form with appropriate documents in one of two ways:

By Mail

Federal Aviation Administration
Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760
P.O. Box 25082
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

By Fax

(405) 954-9922

FAA Verification

After the form and documents are submitted, the FAA's Airmen Certification Branch located in Oklahoma City will take the following steps:

- 1) Verify the authenticity of the person's foreign pilot license and medical license with the foreign Civil Aviation Authority.
- 2) Ensure the person's foreign pilot license and medical license is not under an order of suspension or revocation.
- 3) Issue the Verification of Authenticity letter to the designated Flight Standards District Office and a copy to the applicant. (The Verification of Authenticity letter expires 180 days from the date on the letter.)

The applicant can use the restricted FAA Private Pilot certificate as a requirement to earn additional U.S. pilot ratings. The pilot is able to add additional ratings within the currency dates of the Verification of Authenticity letter. If the pilot is not able to complete his training within the 180-day period, the application process for a Verification of Authenticity letter would start over from the beginning. Once an FAA certificate (i.e., commercial) is earned, the Verification of Authenticity letter is no longer required since the FAA license is no longer based on a foreign license.

*The 60-day estimate to complete this process assumes the foreign aviation authority will respond to the FAA verification request in a timely manner.



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