

Basic Med

Same as regular FAA 8500-8, except:

- results reported to the pilot for his/her action rather than to the FAA
- far fewer disqualifying conditions
- not administered by the FAA (passed by congress at request of EAA & AOPA)

Requirements:

- valid driver's license
- valid FAA medical after July 14, 2006
- completed exam from any MD or DO physician, but not PA or ARNP. (in practice it's mostly AMEs doing these)
- Completed on-line course (AOPA, Mayo)

Aircraft:

- 6 seats max
- less than FL18, less than 250 kts cruise
- non-commercial flights only (instruction OK)

Exceptions requiring one special issuance:

- psychosis, drug dependence, severe personality disorder, bipolar (but depression OK)
- epilepsy, unexplained loss of consciousness
- heart disease requiring treatment

Limitations:

- not valid outside the US
- restrictions on driver's license apply (e.g. vision)
- applies only to PIC, not crew
- does not permit acting as an FAA examiner for check rides
- same as FAA otherwise (meds, vision, etc., also need for BFR, instrument currency, etc.)

Documents:

- may be kept on paper or electronically
- not needed for ramp check, but must be able to be produced promptly

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