

Thank you for contacting this office concerning the application process for obtaining a mechanic certificate based on practical experience.

Begin the process to determine if you meet the minimum eligibility and experience requirements by reviewing 14 CFR 65 Subpart A and Subpart D found here:

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-65?toc=1>

After you determine that you meet the eligibility and experience requirements, complete FAA Form 8610-2 Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application, available here:

[https://www.faa.gov/mechanics/regs\\_policy/forms](https://www.faa.gov/mechanics/regs_policy/forms)

NOTE: When making application for a mechanic certificate based on practical experience, in addition to a completed FAA Form 8610-2 application, you must provide documentary evidence to validate your experience. This evidence must show that you possess practical experience with the procedures, practices, materials, tools, machine tools, and equipment generally used in constructing, maintaining, or altering airframes, or powerplants appropriate to the rating sought.

This evidence must also show that you have experience in the skill elements of the subject areas included in FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards, applicable to the ratings sought. FAA-A-ACS-1 may be found here:

<https://www.faa.gov/trainingtesting/aviation-mechanic-general-airframe-and-powerplant-airman-certification-standards>

**Documentation of experience gained maintaining military aircraft may include:**

- DD Form 214, which lists total time in service, and the AFSC/MOS/NEC codes assigned.
- Training records detailing aircraft maintenance experience.
- A letter from your executive officer, maintenance officer or classification officer that certifies your length of military service, the amount of time worked in each AFSC/MOS/NEC, the make and model of the aircraft and/or engine on which the experience was acquired and the location where that experience was obtained.
- A log or record of maintenance tasks that you have accomplished that includes a description of the work and the amount of time spent accomplishing the task.

**Documentation of experience gained maintaining civil aircraft may include:**

- A letter of recommendation from your current or previous employer that includes a description of the types of work accomplished, the make and model of the aircraft and/or engine on which the experience was acquired, location, and length of time employed. The person making the recommendation should be certificated and hold the rating or ratings for which you would like to apply.
- A log or record of maintenance tasks that you have accomplished that includes a description of the work and the amount of time spent accomplishing the task.

For details on the evaluation process refer to FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 5 Chapter 5 Section 2 available here:

<https://drs.faa.gov>

After you have reviewed the documents referenced above, return your completed application and supporting documentation in pdf format to: [7-ASO-BHM-FSDO@faa.gov](mailto:7-ASO-BHM-FSDO@faa.gov)