Special Flight Permits

Scottsdale Flight Standards Office AFG-SDL-FSDO-07

A Special Flight Permit-SFP (commonly referred to as a Ferry Permit) may be issued to any U.S. registered aircraft that may not currently meet applicable Airworthiness Requirements but is capable of safe flight. **The SFP will be issued by the FSDO geographically responsible for the area in which the flight is to originate.**

Note: 1.) A Special Flight Permit is not an authorization to deviate from the requirements of 14 CFR Part 91.

2.) Special Flight Permits will be issued by the FSDO/IFO having jurisdiction over the geographical area in which the flight is to originate, this **does not apply to 121 or 135 certificate holders**.

3.) If an AD requires compliance before further flight and does not have a provision for issuance of a Special Flight Permits, the operation of the aircraft to which it applies would not be appropriate, and a Special Flight Permit will **not** be issued.

The following is not all inclusive (refer to 14 CFR Part 21.197), but lists the most common request for Special Flight Permits.

1.) Flying the aircraft to a base where repairs, alterations, or maintenance are to be performed, or to a point of storage.
2.) Flying an aircraft whose annual inspection has expired to a base where an annual inspection can be accomplished.
3.) Flying an amateur built aircraft whose condition inspection has expired to a base where the condition inspection can be accomplished.
4.) Delivering or exporting the aircraft.
5.) Production flight testing of new production aircraft.
6.) Evacuating aircraft from areas of impending danger.
7.) Conducting customer demonstration flights in a new production aircraft that have satisfactory completed production flight tests.
8.) To authorize the operation of an aircraft at a weight in excess of its maximum certificated takeoff weight.

The FAA may issue an applicant an airworthiness certificate when:

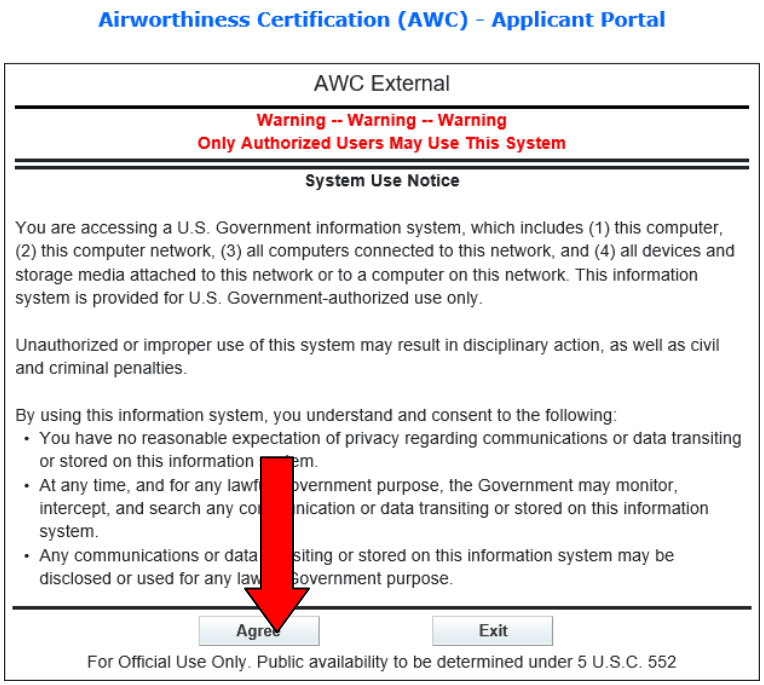
- Registered owner or operator/agent registers aircraft,
- Applicant submits application to the local FAA servicing office, and
- FAA determines the aircraft is eligible and in a condition for safe operation

Applications for an airworthiness certificate, replacement airworthiness certificate, Aircraft N Number changes, can be submitted as follows:

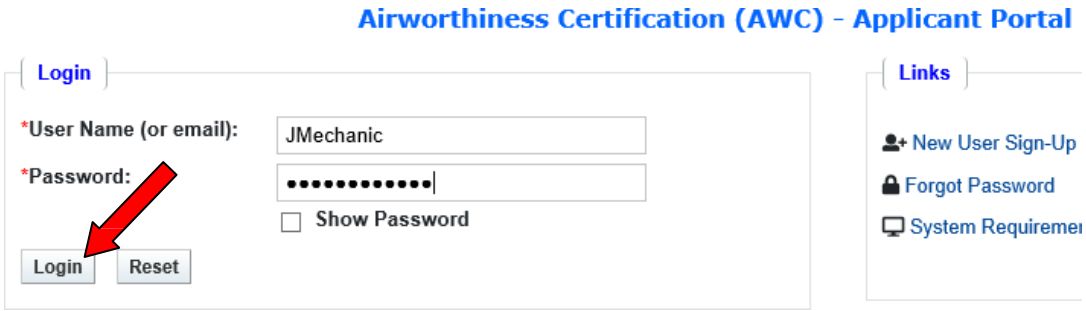
- Online via the Airworthiness Certification (AWC) tool
  - AWC – Airworthiness Certification online application overview and quick start guide (PDF) **(USE For initial Registration)**

On-Line Application, AWC Applicant Portal

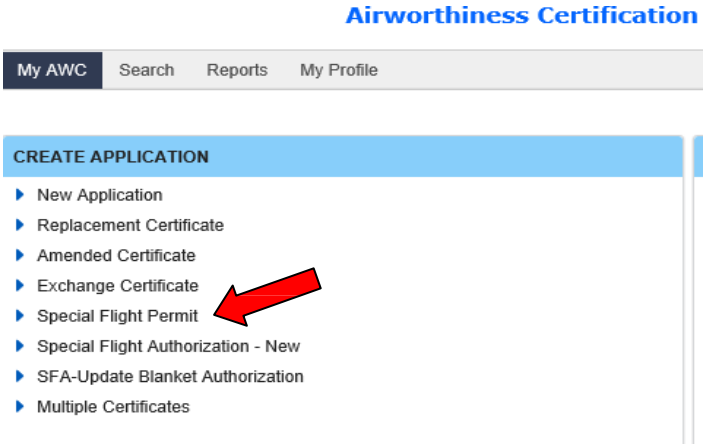
1. **Access Portal Link:** https://awc.faa.gov/AWCExternalApplicant/



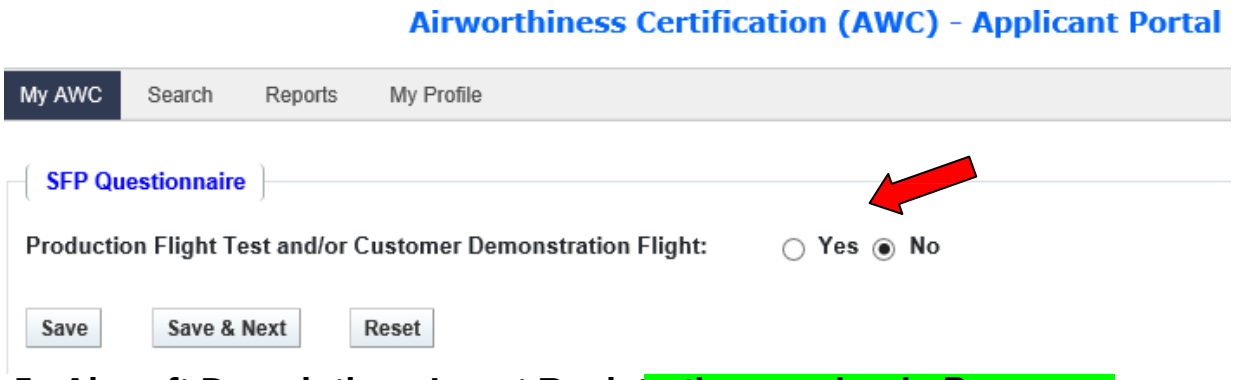
2. **Log In**



3. **Create Special Flight Permit**



4. Answer SFP Question



5. **Aircraft Description– Insert Registration number in Drop down and required data should populate-Correct if required.**

6. **Complete all information in categories with RED X next to them, each has a list of questions**

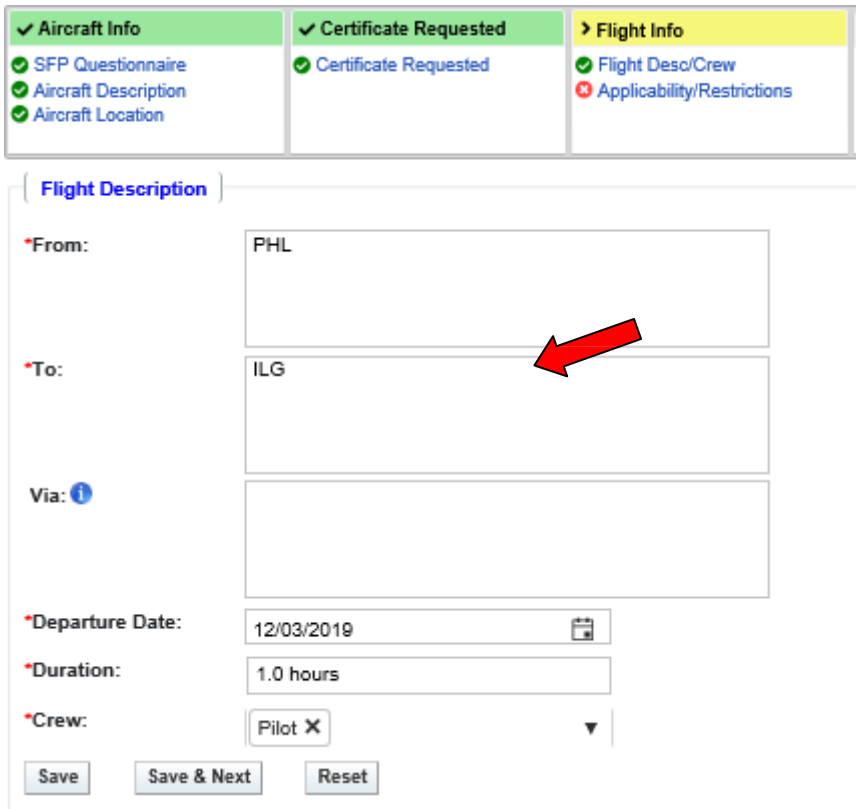
Note: All required information is self-explanatory and may take

some research to acquire.

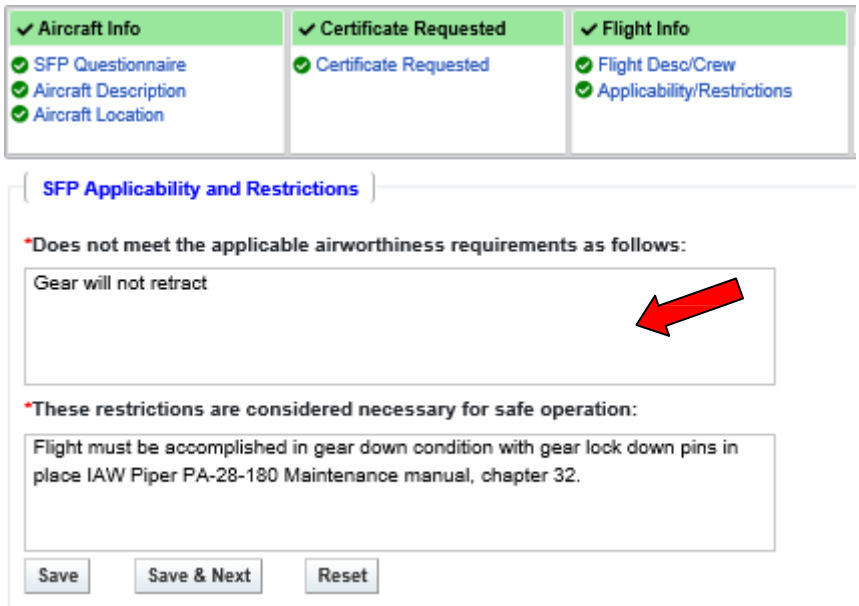
7. **Aircraft Location**

8. **Choose Special Flight Permit Operations from Drop-down**

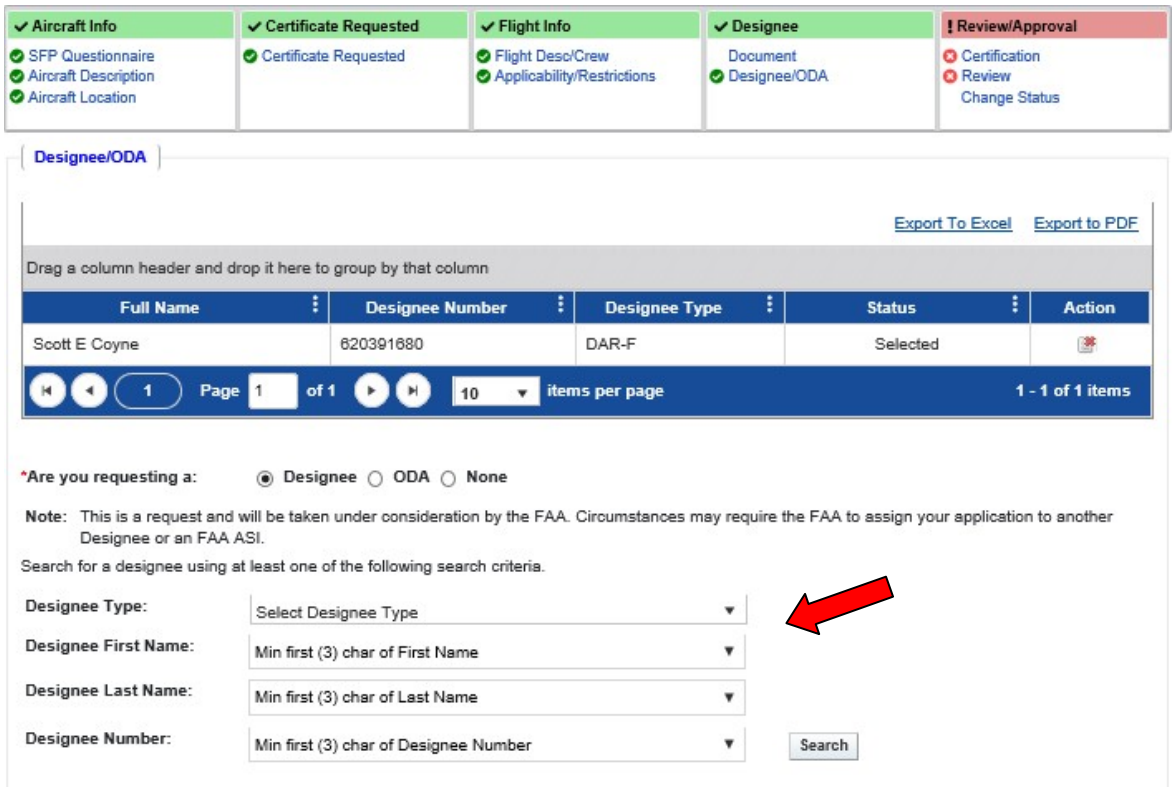
9. Flight destination and Crew Requirements



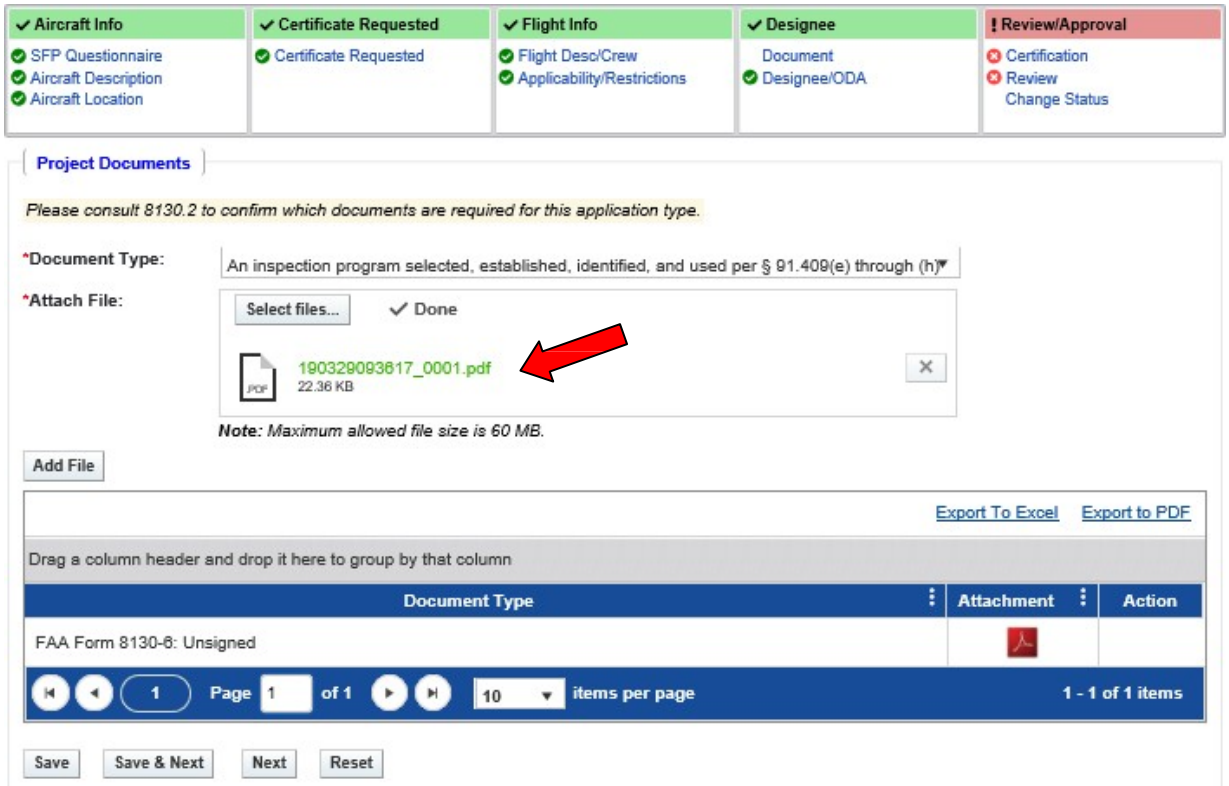
10. Document Airworthiness Issues and Restriction during flight (if any)



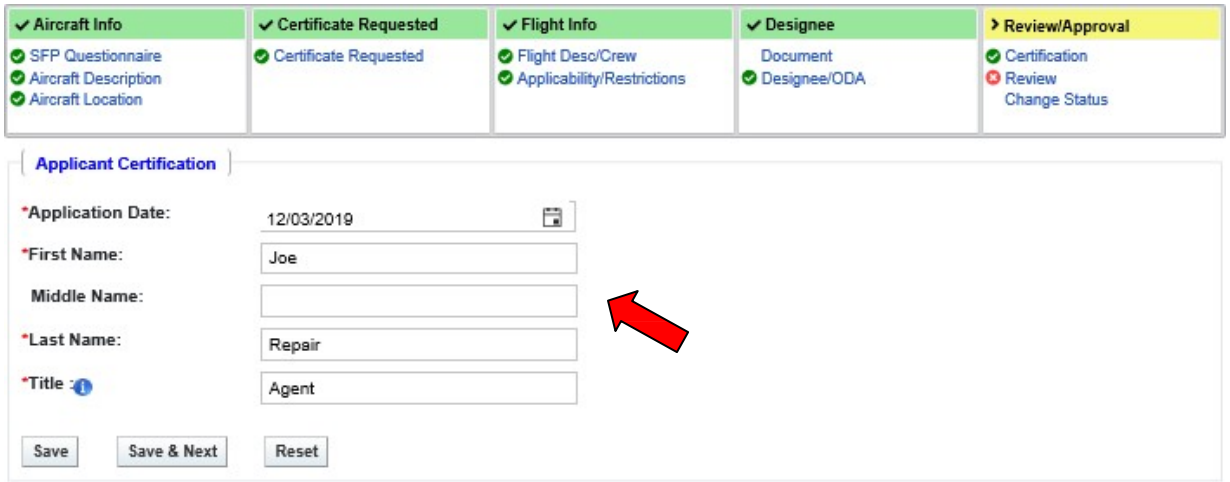
11. **Select Designee that you wish to complete the task or select none and one will be assigned**



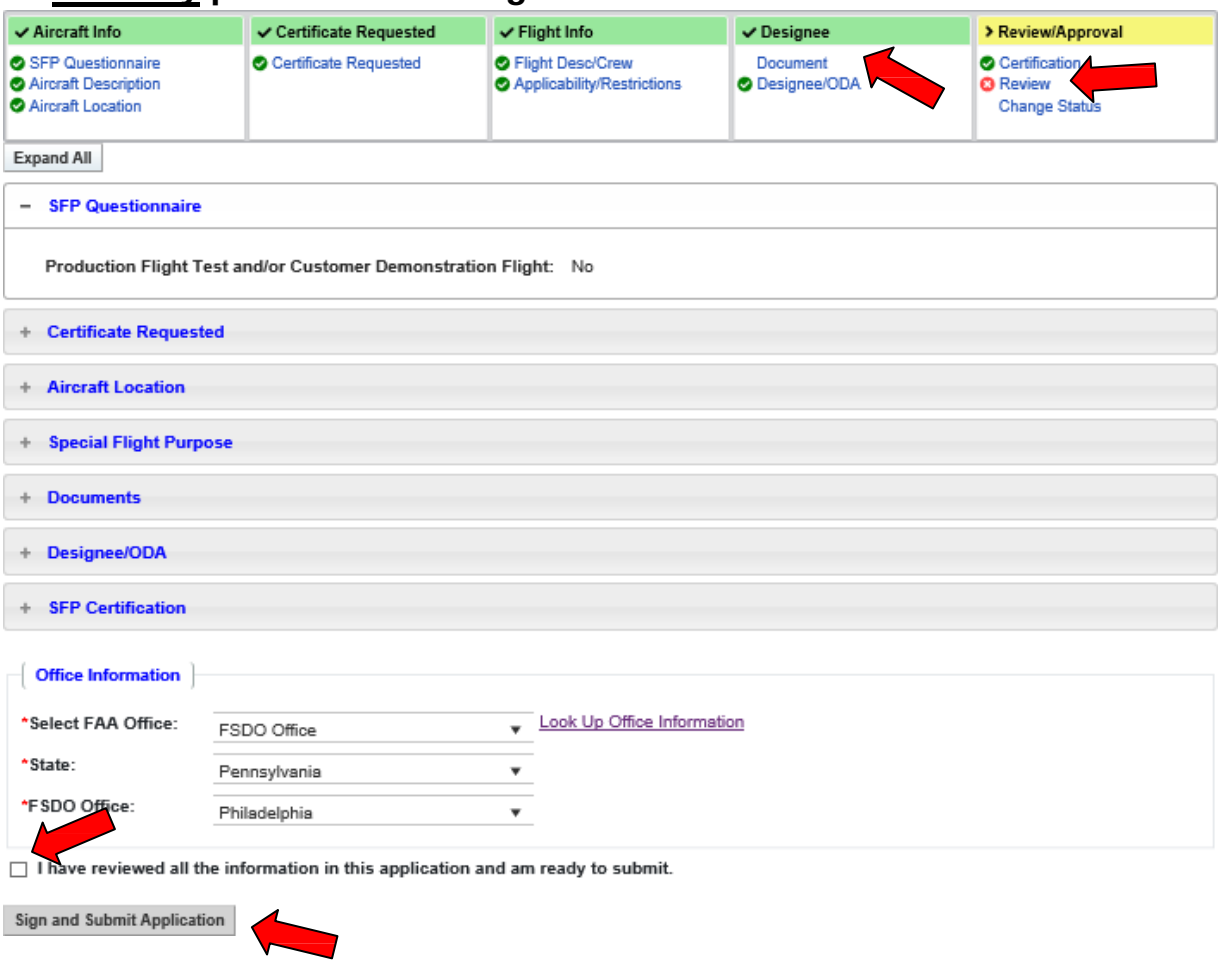
12. **Attached Documents as required**



13. **Add Applicant Information, Owner or Agent, Date and Name**



14. **All Categories must have Green prior to submitting the application**
15. **Once all categories are Green, data must be reviewed <u>carefully</u> prior to submitting.**



The Administrator may require the applicant to make appropriate inspections or test necessary for safety. (This means an FAA certificated Airframe and Power Mechanic or Part 145 Repair Station will need to inspect the aircraft prior to flight).

At the request of the applicant, the Ferry Permit may be transmitted via FAX.

The aircraft operator must display, in the aircraft, the current Airworthiness Certificate and the Special Flight (Ferry) Permit along with its operating limitations.

For additional information, please refer to 14 CFR Part 21.197 or your local FSDO.

SFPs (Ferry Permits) for purposes other than production flight testing and customer demonstration flights **will be issued by the FSDO geographically responsible for the area in which the flight is to originate.**

If you reside in the Scottsdale District Office area, call the Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office at 480-284-7840. *Reference: FAA Order 8130.2J, Chapters 18.*