

Certification and Evaluation Branch

Presented to: 141 Modernization
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Federal Aviation
Administration



What Do we Do?

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Agency Certificate

Number
(Enter cert. number obtained from AFS-620)

This certificate is issued to
(Enter name of school)

Whose business address is
(Enter address of main base of operations)

upon finding that its organization complies in all respects with the requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations relating to the establishment of an Air Agency, and is empowered to operate an approved
(Enter the appropriate kind of school)

With the following ratings:
(List all the ratings the pilot school or provisional pilot school is authorized for)

This certificate, unless annulled, suspended or revoked shall continue in effect
(Date 24 calendar-months from date of issuance)

Date issued
MM/DD/YYYY

By direction of the Administrator
(Have district manager sign)

This Certificate is not Transferable, and ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN THE BASIC FACILITIES OR IN THE LOCATION THEREOF, SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

Any alteration of this certificate is punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$5000 or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or both.

- **Flight Standards Certification Team**

- A team that focuses on certifications for Part 133, 135, 141, 145, and 147 Applicants.
- Have Subject Matter Experts (SME) on certification to help FSDO's conduct certifications.

- **Centralized Application Review Team**

- Starting October 1, 2025
- Intake unit for all applications for all FAR parts ex. 125 and 121.
- Perform review of application to ensure applicants are ready to start the certification process.



Why Cert and Application Review Teams?



- **To provide a more efficient and standardized process.**
 - Looking for ways to streamline the certification process.
 - Certifications from beginning to end.
- **Ensure Consistency**
- **Reduce time**
 - On Applicant List
 - In certification
- **Ensure Applicants are ready to start the process.**
 - Does cursory overview to make sure the basics are already complete.





Certification Teams Expedited Process

Operate with an expedited certification process.

A key feature of the process is the “three revisions” policy:

- **Applicants are given a total of three opportunities** to get their entire document submission correct for acceptance or approval by the FSCT (during Phases 2 & 3)
- **If third submission is unsuccessful, or if applicant fails to complete submission of documents in accordance with the FSCT Timeline**, this may be cause for self withdrawal of the application.

Self withdrawal of the application does not affect an applicant’s ability to re-apply at a future date.



After Certification...

The applicant will work with your CHDO on any future changes to your certificate or authorizations

- The same 5-step process is used
- As an active certificate holder, you are not put back “in the queue” for future changes





Certification Team Stats

Initiated in June 2023

- **253 Total Applicants**
 - 44 141 (First Cert Feb. 2024)
- **69 Total Completions**
 - 8 141
- **50 In Progress**
 - 5 141
- **55 Voluntary Withdrawal**
 - 7 141

Note: In 2025 Cert Team worked 20 of 31 (65%) 141 applicants.



Stumbling Blocks for 141



Important Note:

Start out small!

A. Requested Part 141 Pilot School Training Courses and Ratings. Each part 141 pilot school training course must be listed on the FAA Form 8420-8 when the application is submitted. Because the process to certificate a provisional pilot school is complex, inspectors should suggest to the applicant they begin the certification process by requesting certification for one or two rating courses only. After the initial certification, the part 141 pilot schools are encouraged to add more ratings and courses to its certificate as needed.

You can always add later

Reference: 8900.1, Vol 2, Chap 9, Sec 1 para. 2-1070



Stumbling Blocks for 141 Certification




- *Documents say the same thing.*
- *Syllabus Regulatory requirements are met.*
 - *Even if Commercially Produced.*
- *Resume's show the required qualifications*
- *Letter of Intent has all required items*
- *Don't rely on "It's Been Approved before."*





Part 141 Resources

 U. S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular

Subject: Part 141 Pilot Schools, Application, Certification, and Compliance **Date:** 9/12/17 **AC No:** 141-1B
Initiated by: AFS-800 **Change:**

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-certificated pilot schools are regulated in accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 141. Unlike pilot training conducted under 14 CFR part 61, part 141 pilot schools are required to use a structured training program and syllabus. Part 141 pilot schools may be able to provide a greater variety of training aids and require dedicated training facilities, flight instructor oversight, and FAA-approved course curricula. Colleges and universities, which may offer aviation degrees, often provide pilot training under part 141.

This advisory circular (AC) provides guidance for part 141 pilot school applicants and others interested in the certification standards and requirements for certification under part 141. This revision updates information found in AC 141-1A, Pilot School Certification, dated February 18, 1993, including additional information on compliance with part 141, and includes a chapter on Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requirements for part 141 pilot schools.

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Excellent resource for Part 141 certification...!

[Advisory Circular AC 141-1B](#)





DRS – For regulations, FAA guidance, and more!



<http://drs.faa.gov>

FAA Guidance – Part 141:

- [8900.1,Vol.2,Ch9,Sec1](#) Safety Assurance System: Initial Certification or Renewal of a Part 141 Pilot School
- [8900.1,Vol.2,Ch9,Sec2](#) Introduction to Part 141 Airworthiness Related Tasks
- [8900.1,Vol.2,Ch9,Sec3](#) Evaluate Airworthiness Issues of Part 141 Pilot School
- [8900.1,Vol.3,Ch53,Sec1](#) Introduction to Part 141 Related Tasks
- [8900.1,Vol.3,Ch53,Sec2](#) Safety Assurance System: Approve Training Course Outlines for a Part 141 Pilot School
- [8900.1,Vol.6,Ch7,Sec1](#) Safety Assurance System: Conduct Facility Inspection of a Part 141 Pilot School
- [8900.1,Vol.6,Ch7,Sec2](#) Inspect a Part 141 Pilot School



Stumbling Blocks for 141 Applications



- *Not sending in all required documents per FAA Notice N8900.728.*
- *Resumes do not show appropriate instruction given time.*
- *Letter of Intent has all required items.*
- *FAA Form 8420-8 not filled out correctly or signed.*
- *Lack of current contact information.*





Questions?

