

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
FAST TRACK - FAA ADHD EVALUATION - GENERAL INFORMATION

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If you are a PILOT or ATCS with a history of ADHD or taking ADHD Medications:

1. See your treating physician and get healthy.
2. Do not fly, in accordance with 14 CFR 61.53, until you have an Authorization from the FAA. (If you are an FAA ATCS, you should report this information immediately to your RFS office).
3. Find an Aviation Medical Examiner ([AME](#)) to work with you through the FAA process.

NOTE: If you have taken medication in the past 4 years, had symptoms in the past 4 years, or have a history of any other psychiatric conditions - **STOP**. Go to the **Standard Track Evaluation – FAA ADHD Evaluation General Information**.

4. To expedite your review time, OBTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING and send to your PROVIDER (psychologist or neuropsychologist) WITH ENOUGH TIME FOR THE PROVIDER TO REVIEW before your appointment:

- Complete a personal statement. It must be typed, signed, and dated.** The statement should describe your diagnosis and stimulant medication history. It must include all information on [FAA ADHD Personal Statement Guidelines](#) sheet.
- Collect and verify you have all the documents** on the [ADHD Document Checklist](#) for review.
- Find and make an appointment with a doctoral level (PhD or PsyD) licensed psychologist or neuropsychologist with training and experience in the evaluation of ADHD.**
- Provide all materials in the **ADHD Document checklist** to the psychologist or neuropsychologist **prior to** your scheduled appointment. Given the extent of documents required to review, check with the evaluating psychologist or neuropsychologist to determine how much lead time they may need to review them prior to your appointment.
- Confirm the psychologist or neuropsychologist has a blank copy of the [Fast Track - FAA ADHD Summary](#).** The psychologist or neuropsychologist should complete both the ADHD Summary AND provide a detailed report, as outlined in the [Fast Track - FAA ADHD Evaluation Report Requirements](#), for use by your AME.

5. What to expect during your evaluation:

The psychologist or neuropsychologist will meet with you for an interview. The personal/self-statement you wrote, along with the records you provided, will also be reviewed and discussed. With your permission, people who know you (e.g., parents, teachers, flight instructor, etc.) may be contacted for additional information.

The psychologist or neuropsychologist should complete the **Fast Track - FAA ADHD Summary** AND provide a written detailed report which covers all items in the **Fast Track - FAA ADHD Evaluation Report Requirements**.

Based on the interviews and record review, the psychologist or neuropsychologist may be able to determine if there is sufficient information to make a recommendation to the AME regarding whether medical certification can be issued.

6. When you have accomplished all of the above:

- Complete a new 8500-8 exam (online using MedXPress);
- See your AME for the exam portion;
- Bring all the following to your AME visit:
 - Completed FAA ADHD Summary;
 - Actual clinical summary report from the psychologist or neuropsychologist; and
 - Any records reviewed by the psychologist or neuropsychologist.
- Bring information on **any other condition** that may require a Special Issuance/AASI/CACI (pilots) or Special Consideration (ATCS).
- Keep a copy of any reports** or testing generated for your files.

7. When submitting information:

- The FAA ADHD Summary may allow the AME to issue a medical certificate for pilots,
 - If the AME is not able to issue, they must submit your exam as **DEFERRED**.
 - If you are an ATCS, the AME must DEFER your exam.
- Coordinate with your AME to make sure that all documents are uploaded to the FAA **WITHIN 14 DAYS**.
- Partial or incomplete packages **will NOT be reviewed** and will cause a **DELAY**.

***Note: The above requirements also apply if diagnosed with or took medication to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)**