FAA RECOGNIZED (FAAR)
PSYCHOLOGY

ELIGIBILITY & MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

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Pilots and Air Traffic Control Specialists (ATCS): This document is intended for providers. Check your FAA letter to find out which type of provider you need to see.

This document is intended for current and prospective **FAA Recognized (FAAR) Psychologists**. It lists the requirements to join and remain on the FAAR Psychologists list and the types of evaluations FAAR Psychologists can perform for the FAA.

Looking for the FAAR Neuropsychologist eligibility and maintenance criteria and scope of services? **Click here**.

Looking for the FAA Pre-Employment Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tier 2 Psychologist eligibility and maintenance criteria and scope of services? **Click here**.

All initial and maintenance eligibility documentation is reviewed by the FAA.

Questions? Email 9-AMC-AAM-NPTesting@faa.gov

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FAAR PSYCHOLOGIST

Previously called HIMS Psychologist

ELIGIBILITY & MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

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Gather your documents

- Licensure in good standing
- CV that includes your professional license numbers
- Copy of your state license for each state in which you practice (and PSYPACT agreement if applicable)
- Physical office address for in-person evaluations (virtual evaluations are not accepted)
- Signed attestation
- Documentation of completion of an APA-approved internship
- De-identified work sample, preferably including the use of objective personality measures

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Submit for FAA review

- All initial and maintenance eligibility documentation is reviewed by the FAA.
- **New providers:** The FAA must review your documents before approving you to attend the Aerospace Behavioral Health Seminar (ABHS) or HIMS Basic Education Seminar.
- You will receive an email with instructions on how and when to submit your documents and proof of training completion.

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Complete FAA admission and training requirements

1. Receive approval from the FAA to register for the events, and then complete event registration
2. Attend all days of the ABHS and complete post-session test (open book)
3. Attend all days of the HIMS Basic Education Seminar
4. Provide documentation of training with FAA-approved cognitive screening tests

Training may be completed in any order; however, attending the ABHS first is preferred.
Dates, locations and sign-up information: FAA Training Details

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Stay on the list

- Licensure in good standing
- Attend the ABHS every three (3) years, counted from the last training you attended (ABHS, HIMS Basic, or HIMS Advanced Topics). HIMS Basic or HIMS Advanced Topics may substitute for ABHS.
- No unresolved Quality Assurance (QA) issues

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FAAR PSYCHOLOGIST: SCOPE OF SERVICES

Pilots and ATCS: This document is intended for providers. Check your FAA letter to find out which type of provider you need to see.

If a protocol is not listed, this provider type cannot perform it.

Initial Assessment / Test Battery

- ADHD Fast Track
- Antidepressant (CS)
- Psychological

Follow-Up Monitoring

- HIV

Referral requirement: If testing reveals cognitive deficits, refer the pilot or ATCS to a FAAR Neuropsychologist.

CS = Cognitive Screening required, per the Specification document on the FAA secure KSN site. The KSN site is only available to those currently on a FAAR list.

Follow-up monitoring uses the current follow-up specifications.

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FAA TRAINING DETAILS

Continuing education (CE) credits are available after you complete each course and any applicable exams.

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

You must attend all days of both of the following events to get on the list.

Training may be completed in any order; however, attending the ABHS first is preferred.

1. **Attend all days of the ABHS and complete post-session test (open book)**
   - For more information about the ABHS and to sign up for ABHS email alerts, visit the ABHS information page.

   AND

2. **Attend all days of the HIMS Basic Education Seminar**
   - The FAA supports the HIMS Basic Education Seminar but is not the event host or organizer. For more information, visit the HIMS Upcoming Seminars page.
   - The hosts normally announce the dates and open registration in June or July. The seminar is normally held in Denver, CO, each September.
   - Only the HIMS Basic Education Seminar meets this initial training requirement to get on the list. The HIMS Advanced Topics course, usually held in the spring, may meet recurrent maintenance training requirements.

MAINTENANCE

To stay on the list

- Attend the ABHS every three (3) years, counted from the last training you attended (ABHS, HIMS Basic, or HIMS Advanced Topics).
- ABHS is preferred; HIMS Basic or HIMS Advanced Topics may substitute for ABHS.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A provider may be removed from the list if any eligibility criteria are not met or following written QA notification regarding deficiencies.

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PROVIDER COMPARISON: ELIGIBILITY, MAINTENANCE, AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

FAAR evaluations are different from Tier 2 evaluations

FAAR Psychologists are independent providers with a fee arrangement with the person being evaluated. Tier 2 evaluations are a separate type of evaluation. They are conducted only under a contract with the FAA vendor and paid for by the FAA, and the client is the FAA. To conduct Tier 2 evaluations, you must meet the separate Tier 2 requirements, including the Tier 2 training and a signed contract with the FAA vendor.

	FAAR Psychologist	FAAR Neuropsychologist	Tier 2 Psychologist
Evaluations	Initial: ADHD Fast Track, Antidepressant, Psychological Follow-up: HIV	All FAAR Psychologist protocols, plus neuropsychological and cognitive evaluations	FAA pre-employment ATC Tier 2 psychological evaluations only
If testing reveals cognitive deficits	Refer to a FAAR Neuropsychologist	Evaluates	See training guidance
Client and payment	Independent provider with a fee arrangement with the person being evaluated		The client is the FAA. Paid by the FAA under your contract with the FAA vendor.
Initial training	ABHS (with post-session test), HIMS Basic Education Seminar, and FAA-approved cognitive screening test training		"*Psychological Evaluation of Air Traffic Control Specialist (ATCS) Applicants for the Federal Aviation*"
Maintenance	ABHS every three (3) years preferred, counted from the last training attended; HIMS Basic or HIMS Advanced Topics may substitute; no unresolved QA issues		Tier 2 training every three (3) years; stay current with all updates to the Tier 2 Interview and Report Writing Guidance; no unresolved QA issues
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