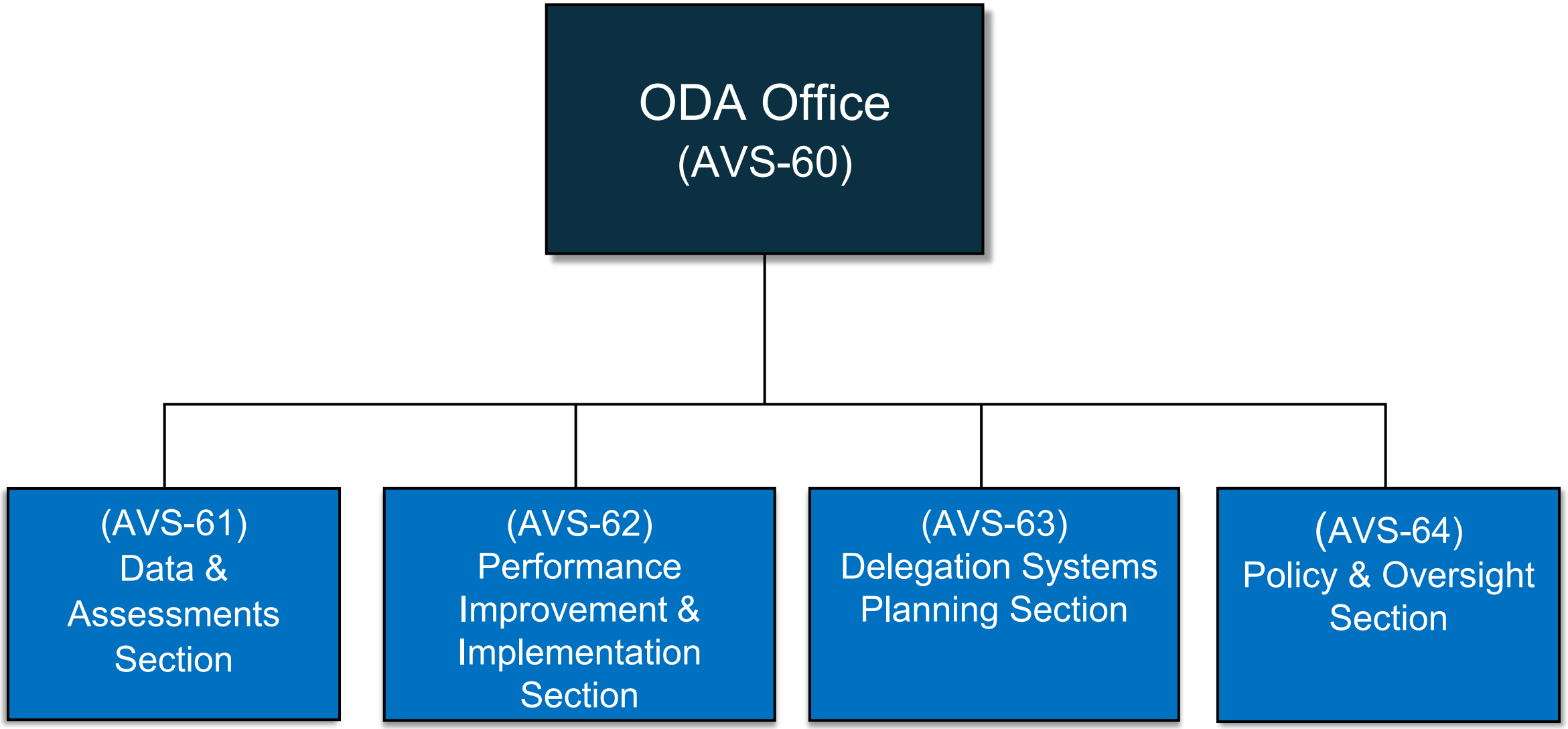


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History of Delegation

1920's - 1940's	**Individual** delegations established – AME, DER, DMIR, DPE, etc.
1950's	DOA – **Organizational** delegation for Part 23 TC holders
1960's	14 CFR part 183 becomes regulation. DAS – **Organizational** delegation of STC to modifiers
1970's	SFAR 36 – **Organizational** delegation for repair stations and operators
1980's	Individual delegation established for DARs
1990's	ODAR – **Organizational** delegation to PAH for conformity and airworthiness
2000's	**ODA** – **Organizational** delegation for all AIR organization types (replaces DAS, DOA, SFAR 36 and ODAR)
2020's - Today	**ODA** – **Organizational** delegation for additional FS organization types

Key:

AME – Aviation Medical Examiner

APD – Aircrew Program Designee

DAR – Designated Airworthiness Representative

DAS – Designated Alteration Station

DOA – Delegation Option Authorization

DER – Designated Engineering Representative

DME – Designated Mechanic Examiner

DMIR – Designated Manufacturing Inspection Representative

DPE – Designated Pilot Examiner

ODA – Organization Designation Authorization

ODAR – Organizational Designated Airworthiness Representative

PAH – Production Approval Holders

SFAR – Special Federal Aviation Regulation

STC – Supplemental Type Certificate

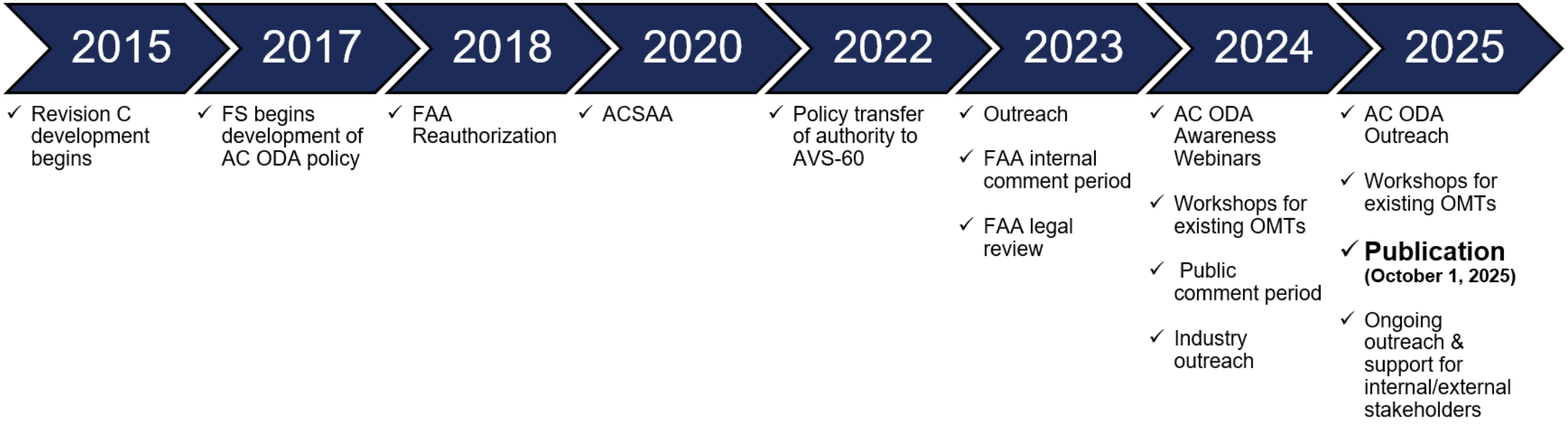
TC – Type Certificate

TCE – Training Center Evaluator

Types of ODA

Type Certification (TC) ODA	Supplemental Type Certification (STC) ODA	Production Certification (PC) ODA	Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) ODA
Technical Standard Order Authorization (TSOA) ODA	Major Repair, Alteration & Airworthiness (MRA) ODA	Air Operator (AO) ODA	NEW Airmen Certification (AC) ODA

Timeline of FAA Order 8100.15C



ACSAA - Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act
OMT- Organization Management Team

Foundation of the ODA Program

Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) Section 44702(d)

Authorizes the FAA to delegate



14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 183, subpart D

Describes the requirements for an organization to perform functions on behalf of the Administrator



FAA Order 8100.15, "Organization Designation Authorization Procedures"

Provides instructions and policy for FAA personnel and ODA holders

Overview of Changes with 8100.15 Revision C

What New, non-mandatory form of delegation

Why Increase capacity to manage growing workload and meet the airmen certification needs of the public.

How Publish new policy to expand ODA to include airman certification testing

When Published on October 1, 2025

Individual vs. Organizational Designees

- Until now, the FAA has relied solely on **individual** designees to perform most airmen certification activities for pilot and mechanic certification.
- Flight Standards Aviation Safety Inspectors conducted **individual** designee oversight and airmen certification.
- In addition to **individual** designees, **organizations** are also allowed to perform certain types of airman certification activities.
- Adding **organizational** delegation provides the opportunity to increase the number of airman certification activities performed which can increase efficiency for the FAA.

Airmen Certification (AC) ODA Update

FAA Order 8100.15C was published on October 1, 2025, and includes the new AC ODA type.

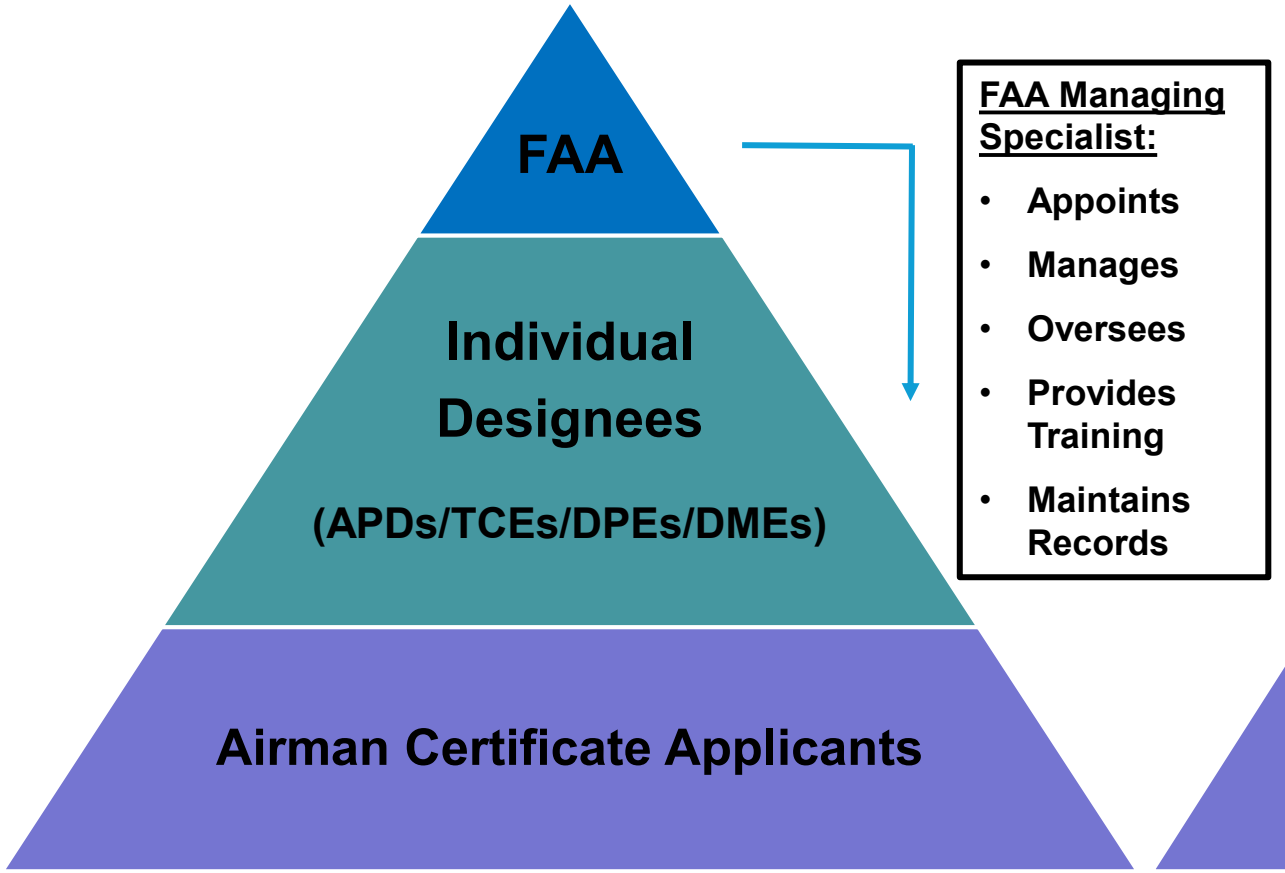
- Once authorized, AC ODA holders will be authorized to conduct specific airmen testing functions leading to the issuance of FAA airman certificates (pilot or mechanic).
- Organizations must:
  - have experience managing programs related to the issuance of an airman certificate
  - demonstrate the ability to manage airman certification activities for Part 145 Certificate Holders
  - hold and maintain one of the following types of certificates—

Part 121	Part 135	Part 141	Part 142	Part 145	Part 147
Domestic, Flag & Supp Ops (with ADE program)	Commuter & on Demand Ops (with ADE program)	Pilot Schools	Training Centers	Repair Stations	Maintenance Technician Schools

Aircrew Designated Examiner (ADE),Supplemental Operations (Supp Ops), Demand Operations (Demand Ops)

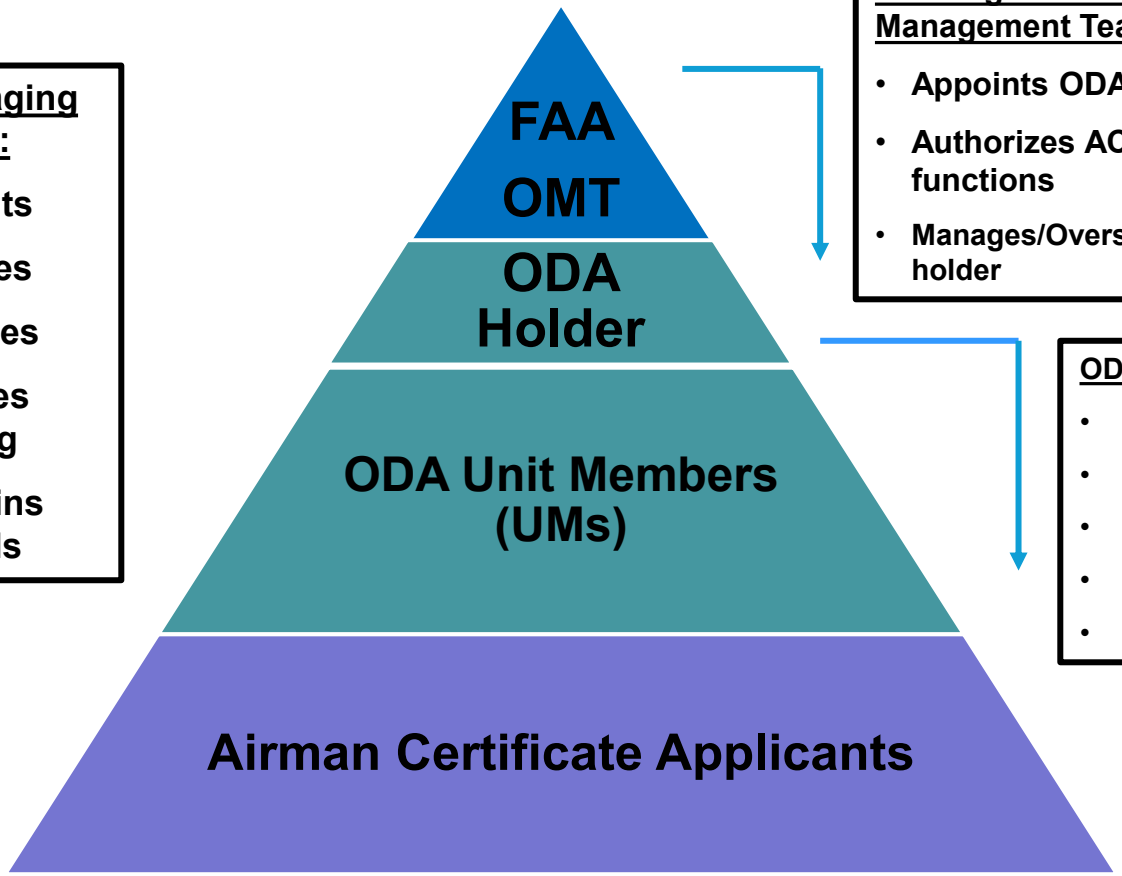
Delegation Systems

Individual Designee System vs. ODA System



FAA Managing Specialist:

- Appoints
- Manages
- Oversees
- Provides Training
- Maintains Records



FAA Organization Management Team (OMT):

- Appoints ODA holder
- Authorizes AC ODA functions
- Manages/Oversees ODA holder

ODA Holder:

- Selects
- Manages
- Oversees
- Trains
- Records

Aircrew Program Designee (APD); Training Center Evaluator (TCE); Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE); Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME)

Features of Delegation

- Provides a systems approach to oversight
- Increases efficiency and flexibility in scheduling oversight
- Expands certification capability
- Meets original intent of 14 CFR part 183, subpart D

ODA Holder Qualifications

- Management commitment to ODA and Safety Culture
- Demonstrated Integrity
- Organizational Model that supports the ODA
- Experience with the type of authorization sought
- Commitment of Resources
- Adequate facilities

FAA Order 8100.15C Chapter 3, Section 1

ODA Holder Responsibilities

- Continued eligibility
- Procedures Manual
- Training
- Selection of Unit Member (UM) and Administrator
- Work Activity Reports
- Records
- Renewal
- Continuous Improvement

FAA Order 8100.15C Chapter 3, Section 4

Overview of ODA Application, Selection, and Appointment

Preapplication Communication

- Discuss desire to obtain ODA with the office managing the certificate
- Provide intended scope of application

Application

- FAA Form 8100-13
- Cover Letter
- Eligibility
- Qualifications
- ODA model
- ODA Administrator
- ODA unit members
- Draft Procedures Manual

Selection Process

- Initial Application screening
- Evaluation Panel
  - Interviews
  - Site Visits
  - Procedures Manual review

Appointment

- Application Approval
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Letter of Designation

Note – If the applicant is a current ODA holder, the current OMT must be involved in the Preapplication process.

FAA Order 8100.15C Chapter 3, Section 3

Key Points

- AC ODA is delegation (not certification).
- Implementation of AC ODA is not mandatory.
- Application(s) are accepted when there is a FAA need and ability to manage the ODA holder.
- Application is available to qualified part 121, 135, 141, 142, 145 and 147 organizations.
- Follow the preapplication process in FAA Order 8100.15C.

Preapplication



Organizations interested in AC ODA application, reference FAA Order 8100.15C Chapter 3



Contact the Office that manages the certificate to start the Preapplication process



For the AC ODA type, the FAA office notifies AVS-60 during the preapplication coordination process that an organization intends to apply, reference FAA Order 8100.15C Chapter 4



AVS-60, The ODA Office, has outreach and support to assist