



Certification Update

Information About Current Issues

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NEW FORMS, MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

New GG Forms

I AM GOING to dispense with case presentations this time to relay some important information. By now, you should have received the new FAA Form 8500-8 (Medical/Student Pilot Certificate) GG examination forms. If you have the new GG forms, please destroy the FF forms in your possession. If you have not received the GG forms, please contact the Aerospace Medical Education Division¹ because the FF forms will soon be obsolete.

When you open the electronic 8500-8 form, you will see a drop down box that will allow you to choose the appropriate series. Airmen who utilize FAAMedXpress will automatically have the GG form selected. If you do not have the GG form, please place the airman's response to # 18y (regarding receiving compensation for a disability) in block 60. If the airman checks *yes* to receiving compensation for a disability, you must comment on the disability in block 60 of the 8500-8. Many airmen, especially retired military members, receive some disability compensation that is not medically disqualifying for airman medical certification. If the condition is not disqualifying, you may issue the medical certificate. Of course, if you need additional information or tests to determine whether or not the airman is qualified, you should request

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that the airman provide the information. If the airman does not send you the information within two weeks, then you must defer issuance.

Medical Certificates

The Aerospace Medical Education Division is not planning to print packets of plain white medical certificates (new 8500-9). The current certificates do not have the correct regulatory language on the reverse side. Accordingly, an airman who needs a new time-limited certificate in conjunction with an AME-Assisted Authorization for Special Issuance will need: (1) to get a certificate from the FAA; or (2) to consent for you to perform a new examination; or (3) to have you call your Regional Medical Office or the Aerospace Medical Certification Division to provide the necessary information so that we can FAX you a wire confirmation of the certification. We are developing the capability for AME offices to print time-limited medical certificates.



¹To order new GG forms (and other medical certification-related forms) online, link to http://ame.cami.jccbi.gov/form_and_brochure/medicalform.asp

FAA Remembers

Dr. Bernardini Passes

A long-time member of the Aerospace Medical Certification Division, **James V. Barnardini**, PhD, died Sept. 28, 2008, after a short illness. Dr. Bernardini, a program analyst who specialized in handling special issuances, worked in the division since 1988. Aviation medical examiners will remember him for the extensive amount of work he did on special issuances and medical appeals. Dr. Bernardini was 77.



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the duration to three years, hence our choice of this maximum duration. So, we sent out new cards with new dates using existing card stocks.

However, I had forgotten the cards say they are valid "FOR ONE YEAR ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF..." Since the new dates were all longer than a year away, there has been considerable confusion about the apparent contradiction on the cards.

SOLUTION: The AME I.D. card used to allow an AME to gain cockpit entry to fly in the jump seats of commercial aircraft. These days, however, the only value—other than a reminder of when re-designation must be accomplished—is to get reduced prices on food in some private airport restaurants.

Therefore, there is no need to reissue another set of cards. The new date on the cards should be valid. If anyone should ask about the discrepancy (an unlikely event), you can refer them to 14 CFR part 183 and to VS1100.2. You may ignore the language "FOR ONE YEAR ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF..." and can actually use a pen to eliminate the "FOR ONE YEAR" and the "THE LAST DAY OF" words, if you want. Sorry for the confusion!

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