

Frequently Asked Questions

2026 - Engineering Designee Recurrent Training Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Training Requirements

Q: Where are the training requirements defined?

All Engineering Designee training requirements can be found in FAA Order 8000.95D, and FAA Order 8100.15C. All recurrent training for DERs and ODA Engineering UMs is an annual requirement.

Important Information About the Engineering Designee Training Program

Q: What is new for 2026?

- The Designee Registration System (DRS) has been decommissioned. Starting in January of 2026 all training will be accessed through a new Training module in the Designee Management System (DMS). More information about the transition to DMS below. A job aid is available that addresses the new DMS Training Module on the Engineering Designee Training Program web page.
- MyAccess MFA has been replaced by Login.gov. Login.gov is a multi-platform, single sign-on, multi-factor authorization solution. More on login.gov below.
- In 2026 Engineering Designee Training tuition will increase to \$200 for those individuals who enroll in and pay for their 2026 recurrent training by March 31, 2026.
- During Covid the Engineering Designee Training Program paused late fees for individuals who enroll in and pay for their training after March 31st. For 2026 the Engineering Designee Training Program will be adding a late fee of \$50 for individuals who enroll in and pay for their training after March 31st. The total tuition including late fee will be \$250 beginning on April 1, 2026.
- The 2026 Recurrent Training for Acoustic Designees will be held in person in the Long Beach, California area. The date and specific venue for the Acoustic session are currently TBD. Additional details will be provided via email, DMS message, and the opening of the session for enrollment.

Q: What should I know about the Recurrent Training Program?

- With the exception for Acoustic designees (mentioned above), all recurrent training will be online.
- Registration for annual recurrent training is based on a single flat fee paid upon enrollment in course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar.
- Material of General Applicability to DERs and ODA Unit Members is contained in Course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar.
- All recurrent training **MUST** be completed **no later than September 30th** of each year.
- Designees who have not completed training by September 30th will be placed in suspended status until such time as they have completed their recurrent training.
- To allow those designees who did not complete their training by September 30th to “get healthy” all recurrent courses will be available until November 15th.
- All online recurrent training courses will be deactivated on November 15th of each year to perform maintenance and prepare for opening in January of the following year.
- Most courses require you to complete and pass an assessment to receive credit for completion of the course. Once you have completed all lessons you should select “**Course Assessment**” from the menu on the left and follow the instructions on that page. The course assessment gauges your mastery of the material presented in the course. The course survey is optional and allows you to provide feedback on the course and does not impact your final course grade.

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Q: What are the important deadlines for the 2026 Engineering Designee Recurrent Training?

The following table contains the critical deadlines for 2026 Engineering Designee Recurrent Training. Additional details about tuition can be found below.

Date	Details	Missed deadline impact
March 31, 2026	Deadline for early registration and \$200 tuition for 2026.	A \$50 late fee is applied to 2026 tuition. Total Tuition: \$250
September 30, 2026	Deadline for completion of all required recurrent training.	Designees will be placed in suspended status until training is complete.
November 15, 2026	Deactivation of all online recurrent training courses.	Courses become unavailable for the calendar year.

Q: What courses do I need to complete?

All Engineering Designees (DERs and ODA Engineering Unit Members) must complete Course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar as well as Discipline Specific training for each discipline authorized. Discipline Specific training for 2026 Includes:

- 2026 Recurrent Training for Acoustic Designees (DERs and UMs)
- 2026 Recurrent Training for Electrical Engineering Designees (DERs and UMs)
- 2026 Recurrent Training for Flight Test Engineering Designees (DERs and UMs)
- 2026 Recurrent Training for Mechanical Systems Engineering Designees (DERs and UMs)
- 2026 Recurrent Training for Powerplant, Engine and Propeller Engineering Designees (DERs and UMs)
- 2026 Recurrent Training for Structures Engineering Designees (DERs and UMs)

Q: Can I choose more than one elective when I register for my discipline specific training course?

Yes, but it is important to understand that **ALL** the electives chosen during registration for your discipline specific training **MUST** be completed to receive credit for your annual training. We suggest that when you register for your discipline specific training you select **ONLY ONE ELECTIVE**. Since you will have access to the entire recurrent course library once you complete your recurrent training, you can complete any additional courses at that time.

Q: Can I change my mind about what elective I want to take after I have registered?

Yes, but not without communication with and intervention by the Engineering Designee Training Program Help Desk. In that light, it is **VERY** important that you choose the elective carefully. All courses will be available to you once you complete your required recurrent training, in the event you would like to complete additional courses.

Q: What Benefits Does the Engineering Designee Training Program Offer Designees?

With very few exceptions, both initial and recurrent training courses are available in a self-paced online format. You will be able to satisfy your training requirements on

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your schedule. Courses will remain in the engineering designee training library until the FAA determines that a particular course is no longer applicable or needs significant updates. Additionally, courses are updated on a regular basis to ensure that they remain accurate and applicable. As new courses are developed, they are added to the training library in real time. After paying for and completing Course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar you will be able to register for your discipline specific recurrent training. You will then select the elective you wish to complete to fulfill your training requirement for that discipline. Following completion of discipline specific training, you will also have access to all engineering designee elective courses regardless of your discipline.

Acoustic Designees

Q: I am authorized in Acoustics; how do I meet my 2026 recurrent training requirements?

The 2026 Recurrent Training for Acoustic Designees (DERs and UMs) will be held **IN PERSON** in the Long Beach area. Individuals authorized in Acoustics can select “**Notify Me**” under the 2026 Recurrent Training for Acoustic Designees (DERs and UMs) Offering page in DMS. Details on how to request notification once the course is available for registration are contained in the 2026 Engineering Designee Training Job Aid (link above).

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Q: What is the recurrent training tuition cost for 2026?

Annual recurrent training is based on a single flat fee. When you register for Course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar, you will pay your annual training fee. Upon completion of your discipline-specific training course, you will have access to all the recurrent training courses in our library. Several years ago, all training tuition was reduced significantly due to a budget surplus. For 2026 training tuition has been increased to bring the cost back in line with annual program expenditures. Going forward, tuition costs will continue to be evaluated on an annual basis and adjusted each year as necessary to ensure a revenue neutral budget. Recurrent Training tuition for 2026 is \$200 for designees who enroll and pay for the training prior to 3/31. A late registration fee of **\$50** will be applied for anyone who enrolls and pays tuition after 3/31. The total tuition after 3/31 will be **\$250**.

Q: Why do the fees change between some years?

The Engineering Designee Training Program is completely funded by the course tuition. All program fees are based on the actual cost of developing and delivering designee training. The tuition costs reflect actual and projected costs to maintain the Engineering Designee Training Program. At the beginning of each calendar year The FAA Designee Training Organization will evaluate and make any necessary adjustments to the annual fee to ensure that the training program remains solvent and revenue neutral.

Q: Do I have to pay multiple times if I have multiple authorizations?

A: No. Once you have paid your annual fee, you will be able to register and complete training for all your disciplines.

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Q: When Will I Pay My Annual Fee?

When you enroll in course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar you will pay your annual registration fee/tuition. You must register and pay your annual training fee no later than March 31st of each year to avoid a late fee.

Login.gov

Q: What is Login.gov?

Login.gov is a single sign-on solution for U.S. government websites, allowing users to access various government services using a single account. It enhances security by requiring two-factor authentication and additional verification methods, such as a photo ID, to confirm identity. This system was developed to simplify the login process and improve user experience across multiple government agencies. By using Login.gov, users can securely access services like Social Security, Veterans Affairs, and more, all while maintaining the privacy of their personal information.

Q: How do I set up login.gov to access training?

If you have not accessed an FAA system (ex. DMS or DRS) since August of 2025 you will need to set up your login.gov account. When accessing DMS at www.designee.faa.gov students will be presented with an FAA Login.gov sign in page. This Login.gov page contains instructions for creating and setting up a login.gov account as well as web pages for more information. Users who already have a login.gov account (for Social Security, TSA PreCheck, etc.) should follow the instructions to link their current login.gov account to DMS. **Please note**, you must migrate your previous MyAccess account to login.gov by following the instructions on the DMS Login.gov page.

Q: Where can I find additional information on migrating my MyAccess account to Login.gov?

A Login.gov User Guide can be found here: [Login.gov User Guide](#).

Additionally, the FAA has a website with additional information.

<https://help.myaccess.faa.gov/ciam/account-migration>

Q: Will I be able to access previous training completion certificates now that DRS has been decommissioned?

No. Students who need to provide training verification to another entity should use course Certificates of Completion if previously downloaded. Students who do not have documentation of previous completions may contact the Engineering Designee Training Helpdesk at: 9-AMC-Aircraft-Certification-Designees@faa.gov. Please include your name, email, and the course title that a completion verification is necessary. We will verify completion and provide the student with an email indicating completion of the course(s) in question.

Q: What if I am already a DMS user?

If you are already a DMS user and have accessed DMS since August, you have

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already completed the Login.gov account migration. If you have not accessed DMS since early August, you will need to set up your Login.gov account to access DMS.

Q: Is there anything else I need to know about Login.gov account migration?

VERY IMPORTANT: DO NOT change your DMS email OR your login.gov email once your account has been set up. Changing one or both email addresses will likely unlink your DMS and Login.gov accounts. This will disable your ability to access DMS and Blackboard. This will likely result in needing intervention by the Login.gov help desk. Response times for the Login.gov help desk have been up to 1 month since the migration making it very important that you ensure the email addresses are not changed after setup.

Training and the Designee Management System (DMS)

Q: What is DMS?

The Designee Management System (DMS) is a web-based tool designed to standardize the management of designees.

Q: Why has training been migrated from DRS to DMS?

The FAA performed a security review of DRS and found several issues. Unfortunately, it was not possible to update DMS to meet the current FAA security standards. Organizations began migrating all training from DRS to DMS in the Summer of 2025. The Engineering Designee Training program has delayed migration until January 1, 2026, to avoid a transition in the middle of the Recurrent Training yes.

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Q: How do I access training in DMS?

As the training module in DMS will be new to all students, we have created a detailed job aid with step-by-step instructions (including screenshots). Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the information contained in the 2026 Engineering Designee Training Job Aid BEFORE registering for your training. The job aid is located on the [Engineering Designee Training Program](#) website.

Registration and Courses Offered

Q: How will I know when training is available?

We will send out a mass email once the Engineering Designee Training Program is open and available for registration. Additionally, we will be sending out mass emails when new courses are added to the library.

Q: How will I register for training?

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As Mentioned before, please review the 2026 Engineering Designee Training Program Job Aid prior to registering for training.

Q: What courses are going to be offered?

A course catalog is available on the [Engineering Designee Training Program](#) website. Additionally, courses can be viewed in the training module in DMS. All available courses as well as course descriptions are included in the course catalog and DMS. As additional courses are developed, they will be added throughout the year.

Q: Will I have access to courses in other disciplines?

Yes, once you have registered and completed both course 27200200 2026 Engineering Designee Seminar and your discipline specific recurrent training you will have access to the entire library of technical training courses for all disciplines for the remainder of that calendar year. You will find the free technical courses in DMS by selecting “**Complimentary**” in the My Training menu in DMS. Courses will ONLY be available under the “Complimentary” menu once your discipline specific training has been completed. Please review the Engineering Designee training Job Aid located on the [Engineering Designee Training Program](#) website.

Training Records

Q: Where can I access my Certificate of Completion once I finish my course?

Students will no longer receive a Certificate of Completion upon completion of training. All training history will be available in DMS in the form of a training transcript. The **training transcript in DMS** will serve as evidence of completion of training. Additional details on accessing your transcript can be found in the 2026 Engineering Designee Training Job Aid.

Help Desk

Q: With all these systems, Login.gov, DMS, Blackboard, how do I know who to contact for help?

- You should contact our Help Desk mailbox (9-AMC-Aircraft-Certification-Designees@faa.gov) if you are having training related issues such as:
 - Finding, Enrolling, and paying for training in DMS
 - How to access the course in DMS
 - Accessing, completing, and passing the course in Blackboard?
- If you are having issues with your profile, authorizations, applications, etc. please contact the DMS help desk at:
- Login.gov: Information on setting up login.gov and MyAccess migration can be found here on the MyAccess CIAM Help page at: [MyAccess Help](#). **Important Note:** The FAA cannot help with your login.gov account. Information concerning login.gov assistance can be found under “Contact Us” on the MyAccess Help page.

Q: OK, I'm having training related issues and need assistance. What is the best way to contact you?

We hope that you will not hesitate to reach out to us if you need assistance. We are a small team and may not always be available by phone.

The best way to contact us is by sending an email to our help desk. Email will allow

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you to provide us with information that cannot be acquired via phone. Please email us at: 9-AMC-Aircraft-Certification-Designees@faa.gov. Be sure to include as much of the following information as possible in your email:

- Your Name.
- Your phone number
- The relevant course (if applicable)
- The nature of the issue. examples:
 - Is it an issue with navigating DMS?
 - Is it an issue involving a specific course?
 - Is the issue occurring while in DMS or Blackboard?
- Any screenshots or short videos of the issue.
- Any additional information that may help us resolve your issue.

Q: How long will it take you to respond to my email?

Requests for assistance are handled as quickly as possible and prioritized based on the urgency and gravity of the issue. You can be assured that we will reply as soon as possible. Generally, you can expect a reply from us within 2-3 business days.

We may not be able to resolve your issue at that time, but we will confirm receipt of your request.

Additional Information

Q: Where can I go for more information on designees and designee training?

You can find additional information at the following web sites:

- [Engineering Designee Training Program Information](#)
- [Engineering Designee Training Course Information](#)
- [Designees | Federal Aviation Administration](#)
- [FAA-Designee Management System](#)