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## General News

### Incorporation by Reference (IBR) and Ex Parte

Visit the Department of Transportation's (DOT) [Guidance on Ex Parte Communications](#) webpage for information on ex parte.

### Stakeholder Communications

The Airman Testing Standards Branch has established a documented process for receiving, processing, and tracking stakeholder inquiries and feedback, received via [afs630comments@faa.gov](mailto:afs630comments@faa.gov). This process includes weekly and monthly status reporting of all emails received, along with statistical analysis of stakeholder groups involved, topics covered, and responses provided.

**Our goal is, and will remain, to provide timely communications, and a 100% response rate to all stakeholder emails received.**

Stakeholders, from across all FAA lines of business, and from across all groups of the aviation community, are encouraged to submit inquiries and feedback, on any of our products and services to [afs630comments@faa.gov](mailto:afs630comments@faa.gov).

### New and Revised Test Question Activation Dates

- January 30, 2023
  - There are no subject matter changes for this question roll.
- April 24, 2023
- July 31, 2023
- October 30, 2023

### Sample Test Question Changes

There are no new [sample test questions](#) for January 2023.

### Changes to PLT Codes

There are no changes to the [PLT Codes](#) for January 2023.

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## Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix

There is no new information for January 2023. The matrix is available [here](#).

## Airman Knowledge Test Statistics

The 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics for School Norms vs. National Norms are located [here](#).

## Airman Certification Standard (ACS)/Practical Test Standards (PTS) Under Revision/Development

The ACSs and PTS are still in the Incorporation by Rule (IBR) process. See the [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) for additional information.

## Testing Standards Under Development

None planned for 2023.

## Call to Action (CtA) Subgroup (SG) Update

The CtA SG submitted its Final Recommendations Report in June 2022. These recommendations were briefed to Congress in September 2022. The CtA SG intends to continue data analysis in order to make recommendations for improvements to standards, references, and testing, and share those outcomes with community partners to support training improvement opportunities.

## Handbooks Currently Under Revision

### For release June 2023

- FAA-H-8083-11, Balloon Flying Handbook.
- FAA-H-8083-24, Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operating Handbook.
- FAA-H-8083-30, Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook – General.
- FAA-H-8083-31, Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook – Airframe.
- FAA-H-8083-32, Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook – Powerplant.

### For release June 2024

- FAA-H-8083-15, Instrument Flying Handbook.
- FAA-H-8083-25, Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge.
- FAA-H-8083-13, Glider Flying Handbook.
- FAA-H-8083-5, Weight-Shift Control Aircraft Flying Handbook.

## Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements

There will be no [supplement](#) revisions in 2023.