Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Authorized Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC) Provider List

The FAA's General Aviation and Commercial Division is responsible for the policy governing the FIRC program. The Division also evaluates submissions from, and issues approvals to, qualified candidates requesting authorization to become a FIRC provider. In addition, appropriate FAA Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) review and approve requests from provisional pilot schools and pilot schools seeking to add a FIRC curriculum under their Air Agency Certificate. The current iteration of FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 61-83 provides guidance and recommendations for the preparation and approval of training course outlines (TCO) for FAA-approved, industry-conducted, FIRCs in accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 61.197(a)(2)(iii).

When the FAA receives an authorization request, the General Aviation and Commercial Division, or the managing FSDO of a provisional pilot school or pilot school holding an Air Agency Certificate under 14 CFR part 141, as applicable, conducts a thorough review of the applicant's TCO. Candidates hold full responsibility for the development of their TCO and the compliance of their subsequent FIRC presentations to the conditions of authorization. The FAA issues an approval in the form of a letter of authorization (LOA), unless authorized as an approved curriculum under a part 141 Air Agency Certificate. FIRC LOAs are valid for 24 calendar months.

The FAA requires all FIRC providers to have a copy of their LOA and TCO available at each FIRC presentation. This requirement allows attendees and observing FAA Aviation Safety Inspectors (ASI) to review the LOA and TCO prior to the start of any FIRC, if requested. The FAA provides guidance for ASI oversight in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 11, Section 8, *Inspect a Flight Instructor Refresher Course*.

The following table provides a list of current FAA authorized FIRC providers.

	FIRC Provider	Type of FIRC Offered (Venue)	Aircraft Category Focus	Authorization Expiration	Provider's Mailing Address	Provider's Phone Number & Website
1.	AceCFI	Internet/Web Based	Airplane	September 30, 2025	1300 FM 2673, Suite 2742, Canyon Lake, TX 78133	(832) 786-9878 www.acecfi.com
2.	American Flyers, Inc.	- Internet/Web Based - Live Classroom	Airplane Airplane	April 30, 2026 July 31, 2025	4650 Airport Parkway, Addison, TX 75001	(800) 362-0808 https://americanflyers.com/
3.	AOPA Air Safety Institute	- Internet/Web Based	Airplane	October 31, 2025	421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701	(800) 872-2672 www.aopa.org/
4.	Aviation Seminars	-Internet/Web Based -Live Classroom	Airplane Airplane	August 31, 2025 April 30, 2026	1934 N. Marshall Ave, Suite 102, El Cajon CA 92020	800 257-9444 www.aviationseminars.com
5.	Gleim Internet, Inc.	Internet/Web Based	Airplane	August 31, 2025	P.O. Box 12848, Gainesville, FL 32604	(800) 874-5346

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	Gleim Continued					- Homepage: https://www.gleimaviation.com/ - eFIRC page: www.gleimaviation.com/shop/firc/
6.	Helicopter Institute Inc.	Live Classroom	Helicopter	June 30, 2026	12441 Dido Vista Court Fort Worth, Texas 76179	(561) 386-6078 https://www.helicopterinstitute.com/
7.	King Schools	-Internet/Web Based -Internet/Web Based	Airplane Helicopter	June 30, 2026 June 30, 2026	3840 Calle Fortunada, San Diego, CA 92123	(800) 854-1001 www.kingschools.com
8.	Soaring Safety Foundation	Live Classroom	Glider	September 30, 2025	P.O. Box 2100 Hobbs, NM 88241	(630) 251-4572 https://www.soaringsafety.org/
9.	Sporty's Pilot Shop	Internet/Web Based	Airplane	May 31, 2025	2001 Sporty's Drive Clermont County/Sporty's Airport Batavia, Ohio 45103	(513) 735-9000 - Homepage: https://www.sportys.com/ - eFIRC page: https://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/sporty-s-efirc-flight-instructor-refresher-online-course.html

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