

What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing

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Airman Knowledge Testing

New/Revised Test Question Activation Dates for 2021/2022:

- June 28, 2021
- September 27, 2021
- January 31, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- July 25, 2022
- October 31, 2022

Practice Tests:

Changes to live airman knowledge tests noted in this document will be reflected in future practice exams. Improvement to practice exams is a continuous and ongoing process. Practice exams are available via the [PSI True Talent Website](#).

Sample Test Questions in PDF Format:

Sample test questions in PDF format have been posted to the website. Practice tests are changed as needed throughout the cycle. The PDFs will be updated to coincide with these changes.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAG) Knowledge Test Bank:

- Updated to include test questions on Remote Identification, Operations Over People, and Night Operations, effective April 6, 2021.
- Airman knowledge test sample questions updated to include Remote Identification, Operations Over People, and Night Operations, effective April 6, 2021.

Airman Knowledge Test Reports:

Airman Certification Standards (ACS) codes will be printed on the Airman Knowledge Test Report (AKTR) for ACS-based exams. Currently, the following exams are based on published ACS documents: ACM, ASC, ATM, ATS, CAX, CCP, ICP, IFP, IRA, MCN, PAR, PCP, UAG, and UGR.

Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix:

- The FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix will be updated with a new effective date of April 6, 2021. The latest version will be posted [here](#).

Airman Knowledge Test Statistics:

Airman Certification calendar year 2020 statistical information is now available [here](#).

Airman Certification Standards (ACS) New Development/Revision Update

ACS under revision with a release date of April 6, 2021:

- FAA-S-ACS-10B, Remote Pilot – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems ACS

Note: Due to unexpected coordination issues, FAA-H-8083-24, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operating Handbook has been delayed.

ACSs under revision/development (release dates TBD):

- FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-2, Commercial Pilot Powered-Lift ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-3, Instrument Rating Powered-Lift ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-5, Airline Transport Pilot and Type Rating for Helicopter ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-9, Aviation Instructor ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-14, Instrument Rating – Helicopter ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-15, Private Pilot – Helicopter ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-16, Commercial Pilot – Helicopter ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-17, Airline Transport Pilot and Type Rating for Powered-Lift ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-18, Private Pilot Lighter-Than-Air ACS
- FAA-S-ACS-19, Commercial Pilot Lighter-Than-Air ACS

Testing Standard (TS) New Development Update

TS under development (release date TBD):

- FAA-S-TS-25, Inspection Authorization (IA) TS

Reference Handbooks New Development/Revision Update

With the assistance of aviation community members of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Airman Certification Standards (ACS) Working Group (WG), the FAA is reviewing and revising a number of its reference handbooks.

- FAA-H-8083-18, Flight Navigator Handbook, has been removed from the website due to outdated material. At this time, there is no plan to revise the handbook.

Handbooks currently under revision with an estimated release date of June 2021:

- FAA-H-8083-3, Airplane Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-29, Powered Parachute Flying Handbook

Handbooks currently under revision with an estimated release date of September 2021:

- FAA-H-8083-2, Risk Management Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-5, Weight-Shift Control Aircraft Flying Handbook

Handbooks currently under revision with an estimated release date of September 2022:

- FAA-H-8083-25, Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
- FAA-H-8083-15, Instrument Flying Handbook

Handbooks currently under revision with release dates TBD:

- FAA-H-8083-11, Balloon Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-24, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operating Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-33, Powered-Lift Flying Handbook

Handbook Addendum(s) released February 10, 2021:

- FAA-H-8083-25, Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
 - This Addendum A addresses the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Safety Recommendation (SR) A-20-12. "Revise the Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge, FAA-H-8083-25B, to explicitly state marijuana's classification as an illicit drug per federal law and, thus, its prohibited use by airmen. (A-20-12) (Section 4.2)."
 - The current edition of the Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge and Addendum A is available [here](#).

Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement Revision Update

- There will be no supplement revisions in 2021.
- The current editions of the Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements are available [here](#).

Guide Update

- FAA-H-8083-27A, Student Pilot Guide with Change 1 was removed from FAA.gov. The content is no longer relevant to the aviation community. There are numerous guides available with current information for the student pilot. At the time this guide was developed (many years ago), these types of guides were not available to the community and there was a need to publish something to help the beginning pilot.

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