# What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing

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# Airman Certification Standards (ACS) New Development Update

**ACSs scheduled for release in June 2019:**

- FAA-S-ACS-11, Airline Transport Pilot and Type Rating for Airplane ACS
  - Estimated publish date is 4/29/2019 with an effective date of 6/28/2019

**ACSs scheduled for release in June 2020:**

- FAA-S-ACS-9, Instructor ACS

**ACSs scheduled for release in June 2021:**

- FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant ACS
  - Estimated publish date is 6/30/2020 with an effective date of 6/30/2021

# Airman Certification Standards (ACS) Revision Update

**ACSs scheduled for release in June 2019:**

- The following ACSs are currently being updated to standardize terminology:
  - FAA-S-ACS-6B, Private Pilot Airplane ACS
  - FAA-S-ACS-7A, Commercial Pilot Airplane ACS
  - FAA-S-ACS-8B, Instrument Rating ACS
- The following ACS is currently being revised to add additional information about recurrent testing:
  - FAA-S-ACS-10A, Remote Pilot – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Certification and Recurrent Knowledge Testing) ACS

# Knowledge Test Management Services

For more information, click here.

For questions regarding the Airman Certificate Testing Service (ACTS), email airmanknowledgetesting@faa.gov.

# Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements (CT-8080 series)

**Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement effective June 2019:**

- FAA-CT-8080-7D, Airman Knowledge Test Supplement for Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Dispatcher
  - Estimated publish date is 4/1/2018 with an effective date of 6/11/2019

# Reference Handbooks

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.

**Handbooks scheduled for release in September 2019:**

- FAA-H-8083-9, Aviation Instructor Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-21B, Helicopter Flying Handbook

# FAA Airman Knowledge Tests

Test question and form test change date(s) for 2019:

- 06/11/2019

***Note***:  *We will be updating the What's New in May to provide information on the 6/11/19 question roll.*

### General Information Applicable to Pilot Knowledge Test Banks

- All Telephone Information Briefing Service (TIBS) questions were removed from all airman knowledge tests. TIBS information will be removed from the FAA-H-8083-25, Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge, at next revision cycle.

- BECMG and PROB40 we removed from all airman knowledge tests. BECMG information will be removed from PHAK and Supplements at next revision cycle. PROB40 will be replaced by PROB30 in PHAK at next revision cycle.

### General Information Applicable to Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Knowledge Test Banks

- AMT applicants should be prepared to be tested on Helicopter Aerodynamics on the AMT General Knowledge Exam.

- AMT applicants taking the AMT General Knowledge Exam should be prepared to be tested on the following topics:  14 CFR part 1, coil inductor construction, human errors, maintenance manual documentation, and special flight permits.

- AMT knowledge test applicants should be prepared for calculations that require interpolation.

- Avionics ACS codes are being added to the AMT ACS as needed over the course of the airman knowledge test question process AEB process.

### Changes Applicable to the Military Competence – Airplane (MCA) and Military Competence – Helicopter (MCH) Knowledge Tests

The FAA will discontinue the Military Competence-Airplane (MCA) and Military Competence-Helicopter (MCH) airman knowledge tests.  In place of the MCA and MCH knowledge tests, military and former military pilots seeking a Commercial Pilot Certificate in accordance with 14

CFR part 61, section 61.73 will be required to take the Commercial Pilot – Military Competence Non-category (MCN) airman knowledge test.

Unexpired MCA and MCH Airman Knowledge Test Reports (AKTR) will continue to be accepted after October 15, 2018, to meet the requirements of 14 CFR part 61, section 61.73(b)(2).

Guidance for evaluators who issue Commercial Pilot Certificates based on 14 CFR part 61, section 61.73 will be available in October 2018.

Click the following links to view the items affected by this change:

- Commercial Pilot – Military Competence Airman Certification Standards
- Knowledge Testing Authorization Requirements Matrix
- Commercial Pilot – Military Competence, Non-Category Sample Questions – MCN
- http://fsims.faa.gov/wdocs/notices/n8900_486.htm

### *Changes to Airman Knowledge Test Guides (KTG)*

- FAA-G-8082-2, Pilot Knowledge Test guide for Converting Transport Canada Civil Aviation Pilot Licenses to Federal Aviation Administration Pilot
  - o Update outdated information
  - o Estimated publish date is 6/2019

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