What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing

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Notice

This is the last "What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing" announcement from the Airman Testing Standards Branch.

Airman Knowledge Testing

New/Revised Test Question Activation Dates for 2022:

- January 31, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- July 25, 2022
- October 31, 2022

Requests for Airman Knowledge Test "Hand Score"

Effective December 31, 2021, the FAA will no longer provide an individual review of knowledge test results.

The Airman Certificate Testing Service (ACTS) vendor's (PSI) software provides an opportunity for airman applicants to enter comments on each individual knowledge test question. Airman applicants should provide any comments, on knowledge test questions, during the test. Airman Testing Standards Subject Matter Experts regularly review these comments, determine any necessary action, and implement corrections and updates to test questions, as deemed appropriate.

Practice Tests and Sample Test Questions in PDF Format

The PSI Practice Tests and FAA PDF Sample Questions on FAA.gov are updated as needed and do not wait for the change activation dates listed above. The PSI Practice Tests and FAA Sample Questions have the same data, provided in different ways, and are an accurate reflection of the scope and depth of the FAA Knowledge Tests to support training and test preparation efforts. Applicants should reference the Airman Certification Standards to understand the expected knowledge and skills, and the airman knowledge testing tools to understand the computer testing process and example test questions.

PSI Practice Tests are available via the [PSI True Talent Website](#). FAA PDF Sample test questions are available [here](#).

Learning Statement Codes

The 9/27/21 Learning Statement Reference Guide is available [here](#).

Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix

The 5/18/21 version of the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix is available here.

Airman Certification Standards (ACS) New Development/Revision Update

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

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.

Handbook(s) released September 2021:

- FAA-H-8083-3C, Airplane Flying Handbook

Note: *Knowledge test question content will be based on the B version of the handbook until the October 2022 cycle change.*

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

- FAA-H-8083-2, Risk Management Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-24, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operating Handbook

Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement Revision Update

- There will be no supplement revisions in 2022.
- The current editions of the Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements are available here.

Archives

For previous versions of the *What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing,* visit the **Archives page**.