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Airman Testing Webpage

How can I get updates on airman testing information?

There are several ways you can get updated information on standards, reference materials, and testing:

- Navigate to the Airman Testing Webpage. A wealth of information is posted here, including Testing Resources, such as Practical Test Standards, Airman Certification Standards, Reference Handbooks, and Computer Testing Supplements.
- Click on the "subscribe to this page" link in the upper right section of the Airman Testing Webpage to receive email notifications of webpage updates.
- Navigate to the latest Airman Testing Community Advisory (ATCA) edition at the top of the Airman Testing Webpage.

Testing Standards, References, and Resources

Where can I find the latest version of FAA regulations?

You can find the most current version of aviation-related regulations in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR).

Where can I view or download practical test and airman certification standards?

You can view or download Practical Test Standards and Airman Certification Standards located in the Testing Resources section of the Airman Testing Webpage.

Where can I find the figures, charts, and diagrams that may appear on my airman knowledge test?

You can find this information in the applicable supplementary material. You can view or download Computer Testing Supplements located in the Testing Resources section of the Airman Testing Webpage.

Airman Knowledge Test Questions

Does the FAA publish a list of all the airman knowledge test questions?

The FAA does not release 'live' airman knowledge test questions to the public. However, you can view, and complete sample tests located under the "Exam Resources" tab of the PSI True Talent Website.

Do the airman knowledge test questions ever change?

Yes. The FAA continuously adds, reviews, and revises airman knowledge test questions to keep airman knowledge tests accurate and current, address changes in regulations, guidance, and technology, and protect and enhance airman knowledge test integrity and security.

Does everyone take the same airman knowledge test for a particular airman certificate?

No. All airman knowledge tests for a given airman certificate or rating include questions covering the required knowledge areas. Still, the sequence and wording of the questions will vary with each test.

Airman Knowledge Test Process

Preparing for the test . . .

How should I prepare for the knowledge test?
You should prepare for the knowledge test by reviewing the applicable regulations and guidance. For **Pilots**, review 14 CFR Part 61 and the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix. For **Aviation Maintenance Technicians (Mechanics)**, review 14 CFR Part 65 and the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix.

Scheduling the test . . .

How do I find an airman knowledge testing center near me?
You can retrieve a list of testing center(s), within your desired locale, by navigating to the "Find a Test Center" tab of the PSI True Talent Website, and entering your postal code, country, distance, and desired exam.

How do I register for an airman knowledge test?
You can register for an airman knowledge test on the PSI True Talent Website.

Documents needed for the test . . .

What documentation do I need to take an airman knowledge test?
You can refer to the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix for information on identification, eligibility, and authorization requirements for airman knowledge testing and retesting.

What is an authorization to take an airman knowledge test?
An authorization is documented evidence that you meet the requirements to take or retake an airman knowledge test. You can find information on acceptable forms of airman knowledge tests and retest authorizations in the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix.

What constitutes an "endorsement" to take an airman knowledge test?
For **Pilots**, review AC 61-65H – Certification: Pilots and Flight and Ground Instructors and the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix for information on what constitutes an endorsement to take a pilot's airman knowledge test. For **Aviation Maintenance Technicians (Mechanics)**, review 14 CFR part 65, subpart D, and the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix for information on what constitutes an endorsement to take a mechanic's airman knowledge test.

Do all airman knowledge tests require an endorsement?
No. The FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix indicates which airman knowledge tests require an endorsement.

Results of the Test . . .

What happens if I fail the airman knowledge test?
Refer to the FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix for information on retesting after failing an airman knowledge test.

Airman Knowledge Test Reports (AKTRs)

What is an AKTR?
You will be given an AKTR (score report) upon completing your airman knowledge test. It shows your name and FAA Tracking Number (FTN), your score, and Learning Statement Codes (LSC) or Airman Certification Standards (ACS) codes related to any questions you may have answered incorrectly. Other details unique to your airman knowledge test are also displayed on the report.

What do I do with my AKTR?
After you complete an airman knowledge test, the testing center proctor will issue you a printed AKTR, which shows your score and codes related to any questions you may have answered incorrectly. You will need to retain your original AKTR, so an evaluator may review any noted areas of deficiency, with you, during the oral portion of your practical test.

How do I get a copy of my AKTR?
If you took an airman knowledge test on or before January 10, 2020, follow the instructions at 14 CFR Section 61.29 to request a replacement copy of your AKTR. If you took an airman knowledge test on or after January 13, 2020, you may print a duplicate AKTR from the PSI True Talent Website.

Where can I find information about the Learning Statement Codes or Airman Certification Standards Codes on my AKTR?
You can refer to the Learning Statement Reference Guide or applicable Airman Certification Standards document to identify the areas related to questions you missed on the test.

What should I do if my name on the AKTR differs from what is shown in the Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application (IACRA) system?
If the AKTR shows your name incorrectly, you must present proof of your correct information when you take your practical test or apply for your certificate. If you choose to have your name corrected at the time of your practical test, the test examiner must provide a certifying statement that you presented the correct information. The test examiner's statement and a photocopy of your identification must accompany your certification file, which is then forwarded to the FAA's Airmen Certification Branch.

Stakeholder Inquiries and Feedback

What should I do if I have an inquiry or comment regarding a practical test standard or airman certification standard?
Please send your inquiries and comments to acsptsinquiries@faa.gov.

What should I do if I have a recommendation or suggested correction to a handbook?
Please send your recommendations and comments to afs630comments@faa.gov.

May I suggest a subject or question for inclusion on an airman knowledge test?
Yes. You may submit a proposed airman knowledge test question via this link: Submit an Airman Knowledge Test Question.

Is there a way to provide the FAA with feedback from my airman knowledge test?
Yes. The airman knowledge test administration system allows you to enter comments on each test question as you are taking the test.

If you have a question not addressed in these FAQs, please send an email to: afs630comments@faa.gov.

FAA Resources

The FAA's official website is: Federal Aviation Administration (faa.gov).

Am I required to secure permission to use or copy an Airman Testing Standards document (e.g., handbook or image)?
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How do I find my local FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO)?
A listing of all FSDOs by state is available here: Flight Standards District Offices. Your local FSDO can provide information on official FAA policies and other assistance related to the airman certification process.