

What's New & Upcoming in Airman Testing

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Airman Knowledge Testing Changes

- The FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix was updated, effective September 28, 2020. This latest version is posted [here](#).
 - 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.
- The following codes were added to the Learning Statement Reference Guide effective September 28, 2020:
 - PLT545 Recall teaching methods – problem-based
 - PLT546 Recall Authentic Assessment
 - PLT547 Recall teaching risk management – identification/assessment/mitigation
 - PLT548 Recall teaching risk management – FRATs
 - PLT549 Recall teaching risk management – introducing risk management

Airman Certification Standards (ACS) New Development/Revision Update

ACS under revision (release date TBD):

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

ACSs under 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)

TS under development (release date TBD):

- FAA-S-TS-25, Inspection Authorization (IA) TS
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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 currently under revision with an estimated release date of June 2021:

- FAA-H-8083-2, Risk Management Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-3, Airplane Flying Handbook

Handbooks currently under revision with release dates TBD:

- FAA-H-8083-5, Weight-Shift Control Aircraft Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-11, Balloon Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-15, Instrument Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-24, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operating Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-25, Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
- FAA-H-8083-29, Powered Parachute Flying Handbook
- FAA-H-8083-33, Powered-Lift Flying Handbook

Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements

We anticipate revising the following Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement(s) with an effective date of June 2021:

- FAA-CT-8080-4, Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Aviation Maintenance Technician – General, Airframe, and Powerplant; and Parachute Rigger
- The current editions of the Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements are available [here](#).

FAA Airman Knowledge Tests

New/Revised Test Question Activation Dates for 2020:

- December 28, 2020

New/Revised Test Question Activation Dates for 2021:

- March 29, 2021
- June 28, 2021
- September 27, 2021
- December 27, 2021

Note: 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](#).

General Information Applicable to Pilot Knowledge Test Banks:

Questions about Notice to Airmen Publications (NTAP) have been removed from all airman knowledge test banks.

Fundamentals of Instructing Knowledge Test Bank:

- Questions were aligned with the most recent edition of the Aviation Instructor Handbook (FAA-H-8083-9B), effective September 28, 2020.
- The new and updated FOI practice exam is now available.

Instrument Rating– Airplane Airman Knowledge Test Bank:

- Questions about FAA International Flight Plan were added effective September 28, 2020.

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