

What's New and Upcoming in Airman Testing

(New Edition: September 11, 2020)

Airman Knowledge Testing Changes

- The FAA Airman Knowledge Testing Matrix has been updated. The latest version is posted [here](#).
 - ACS Codes will be printed on the 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 (Certification and Recurrent Knowledge Testing) 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

Testing Standard (TS)

TS under development:

- FAA-S-TS-IA, 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 (release dates TBD):

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

The Airman Knowledge Test Guides (FAA-G-8082 documents) were removed from the website due to outdated information.

Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements

We anticipate revising the following Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements with an effective date of June 2021:

- FAA-CT-8080-2, Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Sport Pilot, Recreational Pilot, Remote Pilot, and Private Pilot
- FAA-CT-8080-4, Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Aviation Maintenance Technician – General, Airframe, and Powerplant; and Parachute Rigger
- FAA-CT-8080-5, Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Sport Pilot Instructor
- FAA-CT-8080-8, Computer Testing Supplement for Inspection Authorization

The current editions of the Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements are available [here](#).

FAA Airman Knowledge Tests

New/Revised Test Question Activation Dates for 2020:

- September 28, 2020
- December 28, 2020

Note: Changes to live airman knowledge tests noted in this document will be reflected in the practice exams effective September 28, 2020. Practice exams are available via the [PSI](#)

[True Talent website](#). *The only practice exam that will be updated September 28, 2020, is the Fundamentals of Instructing (FOI).*

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 have been aligned with the most recent edition of the Aviation Instructor Handbook (FAA-H-8083-9B), effective September 28, 2020.

Private Pilot – Airplane and Helicopter Airman Knowledge Test Bank:

- Questions about Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out were added effective March 30, 2020.

Commercial Pilot – Airplane and Helicopter Airman Knowledge Test Bank:

- Questions about Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out were added effective March 30, 2020.

Instrument Rating– Airplane Airman Knowledge Test Bank:

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

Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) – Airplane Airman Knowledge Test Bank:

- Questions about Intentional GPS Interference were added effective June 29, 2020.
- Questions about FICON NOTAMs were added effective June 29, 2020.
- Questions about Runway Condition Reports and RwyCCs were added effective June 29, 2020.

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