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
**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:**


**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-8083-25, Pilot’s Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge

**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.

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