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Vocational Flight Programs

Foundations, Approval, Certification, & Compliance Surveys



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SCO Tower Control



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A school hires a new SCO and submits an updated 22-8794.



The SCO regularly reviews VA advisories and attends training.



The school changes rates but never submits the change to the SAA.



The SCO regularly reviews records to verify they are current and complete.



Student records are 100% electronic with no ability to produce paper copies.



SCO created a welcome document for all new VA students with resources.



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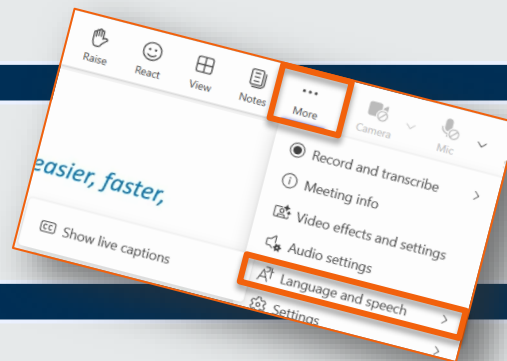
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Information in these presentations was current and correct on the date given.



This session qualifies for annual training credit.

As required by Section 305 of the [Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017](#), School Certifying Officials (SCOs) at Covered Educational Institutions must complete [annual training](#) administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

A [Covered Educational Institution](#) is an educational institution that has enrolled 20 or more VA students using assistance under Title 38 United States Code during a calendar year.

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Approval

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, you will be able to:



State the legal authority governing approval of flight training programs



Cite FAA regulations governing flight training payable for VA education benefits



List the school approval documents

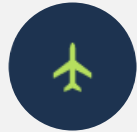


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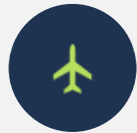


Legal Authority for Approval

In this section, we will discuss:



Areas of Responsibility



Approval Regulations

[Contact your SAA](#)

Areas of Responsibility

FAA Approval

Flight schools must have a FAA approved Training Course Outline (TCO) with syllabus and an Air Agency Certificate (AAC) with Letter of Authorization (LOA) issues by the FAA prior to application for approval of VA education benefits.

Flight Standard District Offices (FSDO) act as an extension of the FAA and approve flight and ground training curricula at flight schools under their geographic jurisdiction and issue Air Agency Certificates (AAC).

SAA Approval

SAA's approve courses at private profit and non-profit flight schools and public flight schools that are not aero clubs.

SAA's conduct initial inspection visits, as required, and determine if school and courses meet approval criteria

VA Approval

VA has exclusive jurisdiction over approval of flight courses offered by aero clubs and acts as the SAA for these schools

VA may also act as the SAA if the state elects not to designate an SAA or does not accept the VA Cooperative Agreement.



Who approves flight courses for VA education benefits at private profit, non-profit, and public flight schools that are not aero clubs?

- a. VA
- b. FAA
- c. Department of Education
- d. State Approving Agencies

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Correct Answer

State Approving Agencies

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Approval Regulation

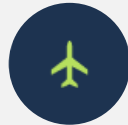
38 USC 3672

“Deemed Approved”

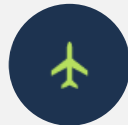
States a flight training course is deemed approved if it is approved by the FAA and offered by a certified pilot school with a valid FAA pilot school certificate.

FAA Regulations

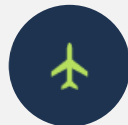
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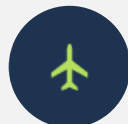
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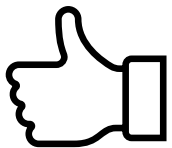
With minor exception and exemption.....

**Courses at a Vocational Flight School
should never be State Approving
Agency (SAA) approved for VA
training under 14 CFR Part 61.**



14 CFR part 63

Part 63 provides the requirements for schools and courses to train flight engineers.



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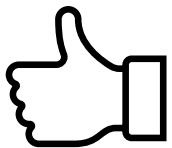
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14 CFR part 141

Part 141 specifies requirements for schools to train students for pilot certificates and ratings.



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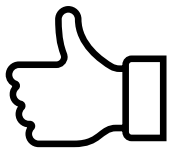
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14 CFR part 142

Part 142 specifies the requirements for aviation training centers.



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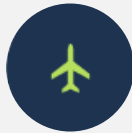
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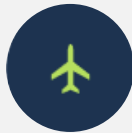
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School Approval Documents

In this section, we will discuss:



School Publication



Veterans' Information Bulletin

School Publication

Requirement:

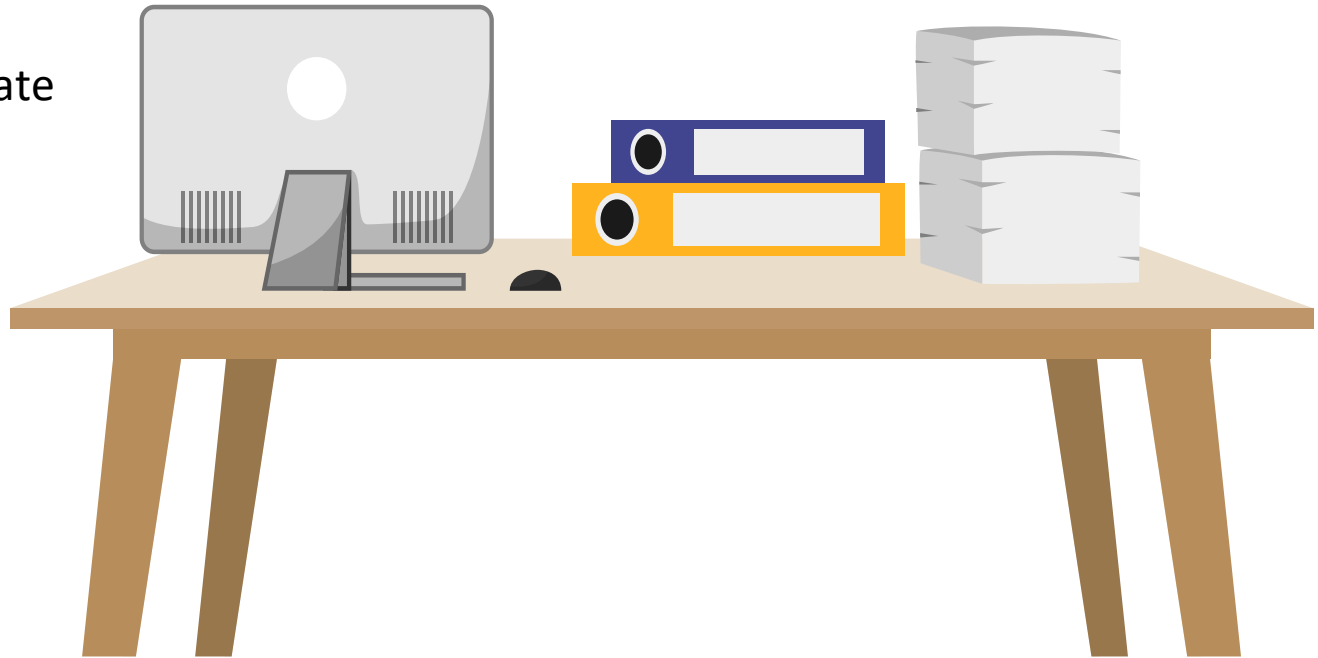
School publications are required of all facilities approved for VA education benefits.

Problem:

Many flight school publications do not include all the information required for SAA approval of flight training programs.

Solution:

SAA's will provide a template

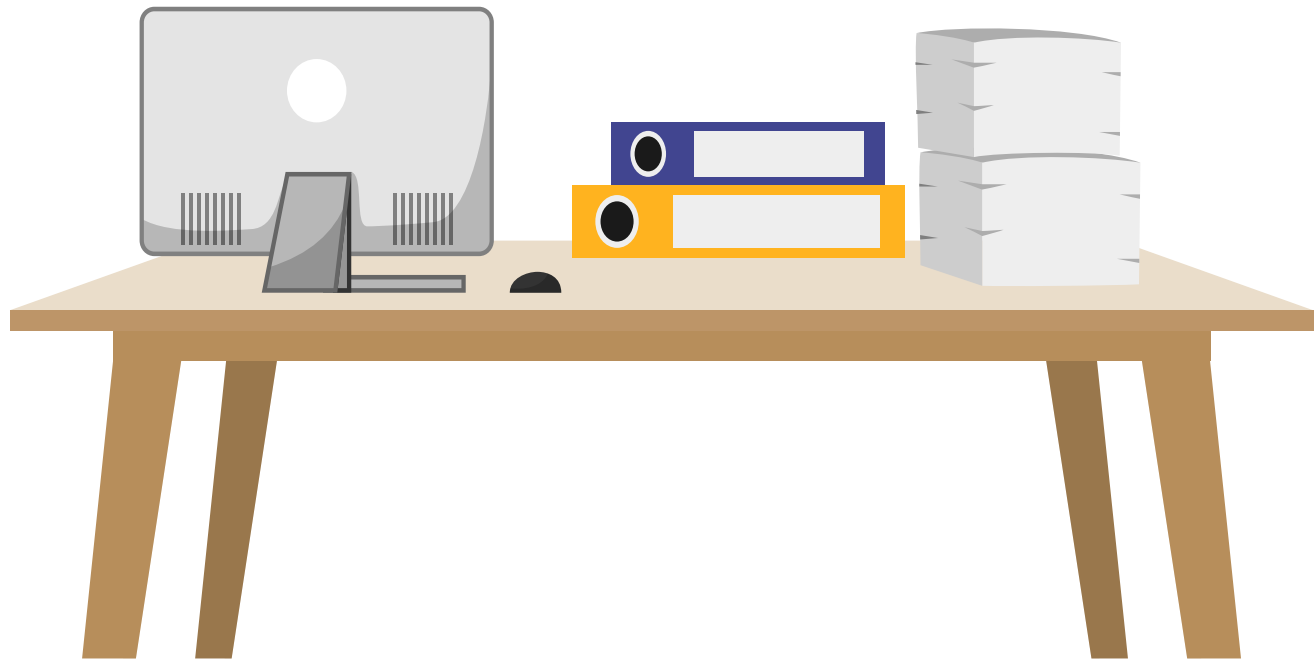


Veterans' Information Bulletin

Veterans' Information Bulletins are specific to vocational flight schools. They are targeted to VA students and include required policies, staff, courses, and all other applicable items.

Remember

A VIB is an example of what a school can provide to their SAA. Even though this is a template, it must be updated when your school has any changes to courses, policies, rates, aircraft, AAC, or LOA.



VIB Example

Valor Wings Flight Academy



Veterans' Information Bulletin

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Are schools required to submit VIBs to the SAA for approval?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Correct Answer

No

DID YOU
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FAA Approval Documents

In this section, we will discuss:



Air Agency Certificate



Letter of Authorization



Training Course Outline



Syllabus

Air Agency Certificate

Air Agency Certificate (AAC)

The AAC is issued by the FAA to schools authorizing them to offer courses of instruction leading to pilot licenses and ratings. It lists the specific flight programs approved by the FAA. Your AAC must be prominently displayed at your school.

[14 CFR part 141.19](#)
[Display of Certificate](#)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Agency Certificate

Number Redacted

This certificate is issued to

Redacted

whose business address is

Redacted

upon finding that its organization complies in all respects with the requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations relating to the establishment of an Air Agency, and is empowered to operate an approved PILOT SCHOOL

with the following ratings:

PRIVATE PILOT COURSE
INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE
COMMERCIAL PILOT COURSE
ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OR CLASS COURSE
FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR COURSE
FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT COURSE

This certificate, unless canceled, suspended, or revoked, shall continue in effect UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2026

By direction of the Administrator

Date issued:

JANUARY 31, 2024

FSDO Signature

This Certificate is not Transferable, and ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN THE BASIC FACILITIES, OR IN THE LOCATION THEREOF, SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Any alteration of this certificate is punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both

FAA Form 8000-4 (1-87)

SUPERSEDES FAA FORM 390.

Electronic Form (PDF)



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Letter of Authorization

Letter of Authorization (LOA)

A LOA must accompany the AAC and is issued to the school with the AAC. It provides a listing of the specific programs that have been authorized for the school to offer. It expires the same time as the AAC.

Letters of Authorization		
Part	Title	Type
A001	Issuance and Applicability	Required
A004	Summary of Authorizations and Limitations	Required
A006	Training Personnel	Required
A007	Designated Persons	Required
B001	Pilot School Ratings	Required
B005	Approved Training Course Outlines	Required
B006	Approved Syllabuses	Required
A005	Exemptions and Deviations	As Required
A025	Electronic Recordkeeping System	As Required
A031	Training Agreements	As Required
B007	Examining Authority	As Required
B050	Satellite Bases	As Required

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14 CFR Part 141 Pilot School

A004 . Summary of Authorizations

HQ Control: 05/19/2006

HQ Revision: 000

1. The certificate holder, in accordance with the reference documents, is authorized to:

Use electronic recordkeeping system and/or electronic signatures.

Reference
Documents
A025

2. The certificate holder is *not* authorized and shall not:

Conduct training under certain exemptions and/or deviations.
Enter into training agreements with 14 CFR part 142 training centers and/or
institutions of higher education.

Reference
Documents
A005
A031

Training Course Outline

Training Course Outline (TCO)

Flight training programs approved for Veterans training must have an FAA approved TCO. A TCO normally contains details of the school's facilities, approved aircraft, instructors, procedures for operations, airspace and airfield facilities, and a training syllabus for each flight training program. The TCO shows the total approved hours by the FAA.



INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE COURSE SUMMARY - FLIGHT & SIMULATOR TRAINING

STAGE	LESSON	UNIT	TOTAL TIME	DUAL	AIRPLANE				ATD
					ASEL	NIGHT	INST	X-C	
Stage 1	L4	FL 1	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 1	L5	FL 2 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L7	FL 3 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L8	FL 4 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L11	FL 5 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L12	FL 6 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L14	FL 7	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 1	L16	FL 8 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L18	FL 9 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L19	FL 10 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 1	L20	FL 11	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 2	L21	FL 12	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 2	L23	FL 13 S1FC	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 1 Totals			13.0	13.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	8.0
Stage 2	L27	FL 14 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 2	L28	FL 15 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 2	L29	FL 16	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5		
Stage 2	L34	FL 17	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 2	L35	FL 18 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 2	L36	FL 19	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 2	L38	FL 20 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 2	L39	FL 21	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0		
Stage 2	L41	FL 22 SIM	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 3	L44	FL 23 S2FC	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5		
Stage 2 Totals			11.0	11.0	6.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	5.0
Stage 3	L47	FL 24 SIM XC	1.0	1.0					1.0
Stage 3	L49	FL 25 XC	2.0	2.0	2.0		2.0	2.0	
Stage 3	L53	FL 26 XC	3.0	3.0	3.0		3.0	3.0	
Stage 3	L55	FL 27 XC	2.0	2.0	2.0		2.0	2.0	
Stage 3	L58	FL 28 S3FC	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5		
Stage 3	L61	FL 29 EOCFC	1.5	1.5	1.5		1.5		
Stage 3 Totals			11.0	11.0	10.0	0.0	10	7.0	1.0
TOTALS			35.0	35.0	21.0	0.0	21.0	7.0	14.0

Training Syllabus

Training Syllabus

The training syllabus is generally comprised of all lessons, both ground and flight training, which must be successfully completed prior to taking the FAA licensing/certification check ride for the program of training. The approved syllabus must match approved TCO hours. The syllabus is usually stamped as approved by the FSDO on the first, or title page.



INSTRUMENT RATING TRAINING SYLLABUS

INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE: PREREQUISITES

All students must have a Commercial License in order to be eligible for this course. Otherwise, a certification of enrollment under 14 CFR part 141 must be sent to the FAA for both the Instrument Rating and Commercial Pilot course.

REQUIRED HOURS

Type of Hours	Required
Dual	21.0 Hours
Dual Simulator	14.0 Hours
Pref/Post	8.75 Hours
Ground School	30.0 Hours

AUTHORIZED AIRCRAFT & HOURLY RATES

Make	Model	Horse Power	Dual Rate	Solo Rate
Piper	PA28	180	\$300	NA
Piper	PA28R	180	\$300	NA
Cessna	C172M	180	\$300	NA
Cessna	C172R	180	\$300	NA
Cessna	C172S	180	\$300	NA
Redbird	FMX	NA	\$300	NA

CHARGES

Hours	Type		Rate		Total
21.0	hours dual flight time	@	\$300.00	=	\$6,300.00
14.0	hours dual simulator time	@	\$200.00	=	\$2,800.00
30.0	hours ground school	@	\$95.00	=	\$2,850.00
8.75	hours pre/post	@	\$95.00	=	\$831.25
TOTAL CHARGES:					\$12,781.25



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True or False

A flight school offering training under Part 141 will receive an AAC with no expiration date.

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Correct Answer

False

DID YOU
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Summary

You should now be able to:



State the legal authority governing approval of flight training programs



Cite FAA regulations governing flight training payable for VA education benefits



List the school approval documents



Identify key FAA approval documents



Q & A

ASK US A QUESTION !



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