

TOPIC	CURRENT REGULATIONS	NEW REGULATIONS
Authorized Individuals to Accept Application	 Aviation medical examiner (AME) Aviation safety inspector (ASI) or aviation safety technician (AST) at a local FSDO Designated pilot examiner (DPE) 	 ASI or AST at a local FSDO DPE Airman certification representative (ACR) associated with a part 141 pilot school Certified flight instructor (CFI)
Application Method	• IACRA or paper application	• IACRA or paper application
Authorized Individuals to Issue Certificate	• Any individual authorized to accept an application can issue a student pilot certificate	FAA Civil Aviation Registry
Time Between Application and Issuance	• Issued at the time of application by authorized individual	• Issued only after successful completion of security vetting by TSA, which is estimated to take three (3) or fewer weeks from date of application
Cost of Issuance	• No cost from FAA for issuance of student pilot certificate	• No cost from FAA for issuance of student pilot certificate
Form of Student Pilot Certificate	• Paper student pilot certificate with no pilot photograph	• Plastic student pilot certificate with no pilot photograph
Student Pilot Certificate Privileges	• Pilot with student pilot certificate can only conduct solo flight (i.e., exercise student pilot privileges) if, among other existing requirements, a CFI has endorsed both the student's paper pilot certificate and the student's logbook	 Pilot with student pilot certificate can only conduct solo flight (i.e., exercise student pilot privileges) if, among other existing requirements, a CFI has endorsed the student's logbook. Pilots who have been issued a paper student pilot certificate (before April 1, 2016) may continue to use their paper certificate until expiration date
Certificate Expiration	• Valid for 24 or 60 calendar months after issuance, depending upon pilot's age	No expiration date