

# Quick Reference Guide to MedXpress

## Reference Source

- AOPA - [Understanding Airman Medical Standards](#)
- FAA - [Medical Certification](#)
- FAA - [MedXpress](#)

## Background

Pilots must undergo a medical examination and obtain a 3rd Class Medical Certificate prior to operating an airplane in solo flight. In the private pilot training program, a student cannot complete the training without this certificate. It is recommended that student pilots complete this examination early in case there are any medical issues that arise during the examination.

The examination must be done by a physician certificated as an Aviation Medical Examiner, AME. Most doctors have not obtained this certification, so your regular doctor will likely not be able to perform this exam. The FAA has lists of AMEs who can perform medical examinations on their website.

Students with a history of medical challenges or are on certain medication are encouraged to seek out additional information regarding their condition and discuss the matter with an AME prior to taking the formal examination. AMEs typically are available for consultation appointments. Consultations should be completed and all concerns addressed before the scheduling and taking the 3rd Class Medical Exam.

## **MedXpress - Create an account**

1. Go to [medxpress.faa.gov](https://medxpress.faa.gov)
2. Click on "Request an Account"
3. Complete the required information to create an account

## **MedXpress - Create an application**

1. Login Read and agree to the Terms of Service
2. Start New Application
3. Select "All Other" for "Why are you applying for a Medical Certificate or Clearance?"
4. Read and accept the Pilot's Bill of Rights
5. Answer the questions
  - a. Question #1 - check "Airman Medical Cert."
  - b. Question #2 - select desired class of medical certificate  
3rd class is required for a Private Pilot certificate
  - c. Question #4 - choose the "decline to submit" option
  - d. Question #10 - do not check anything
  - e. Question #16 - select "No Prior App"
  - f. Question #19 - no need to report the following:
    - i. Routine dental, eye, and FAA periodic medical examinations and consultations with your employer-sponsored employee assistance program (EAP) may be excluded unless the consultations were for substance abuse or unless the consultations resulted in referral for psychiatric evaluation or treatment

- g. When complete, submit the application to the FAA.
- h. Print a copy and bring that with you to the exam.

### **MedXpress - Schedule the exam**

1. Contact an AME from the list of AMEs on the Upwind website or you can search this FAA site:  
[www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/](http://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/).
2. Schedule an appointment
3. Bring MedXpress application confirmation number with you to the exam