

Airman Testing Publication Revision Schedule

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Practical Test Standards (PTS)

Publication Number	Title	Pub. Date
FAA-S-8081-3	Recreational Pilot PTS (Airplane and Rotorcraft)	2006
FAA-S-8081-4	Instrument Rating PTS for Helicopter and Powered Lift <i>Note: Use FAA-S-ACS-8A for Instrument Rating Airplane</i>	2010
FAA-S-8081-5	Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Type Rating PTS for Airplane	2008
FAA-S-8081-6	Flight Instructor PTS for Airplane (Single-Engine and Multiengine)	2012
FAA-S-8081-7	Flight Instructor PTS for Rotorcraft (Helicopter and Gyroplane)	2006
FAA-S-8081-8	Flight Instructor PTS for Glider	2006
FAA-S-8081-9	Flight Instructor Instrument PTS for Airplane and Helicopter	2010
FAA-S-8081-10	Aircraft Dispatcher PTS	2013
FAA-S-8081-15	Private Pilot PTS for Rotorcraft (Helicopter and Gyroplane)	2005
FAA-S-8081-16	Commercial Pilot PTS for Rotorcraft (Helicopter and Gyroplane)	2013
FAA-S-8081-17	Private Pilot PTS for Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon and Airship)	1996
FAA-S-8081-18	Commercial Pilot PTS for Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon and Airship)	1997
FAA-S-8081-20	Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Type Rating PTS for Helicopter	1998
FAA-S-8081-21	Flight Engineer PTS for Reciprocating Engine, Turbopropeller, and Turbojet Powered Aircraft	1999
FAA-S-8081-22	Private Pilot PTS for Glider	1999
FAA-S-8081-23	Commercial Pilot PTS for Glider	2006
FAA-S-8081-25	Parachute Rigger PTS	2012
FAA-S-8081-26	Aviation Mechanic General PTS	2003
FAA-S-8081-27	Aviation Mechanic Airframe PTS	2003
FAA-S-8081-28	Aviation Mechanic Powerplant PTS	2012
FAA-S-8081-29	Sport Pilot PTS for Airplane, Gyroplane, Glider, and Flight Instructor	2004
FAA-S-8081-30	Sport Pilot PTS for Airship, Balloon, and Flight Instructor	2004
FAA-S-8081-31	Sport Pilot PTS for Weight Shift Control, Powered Parachute, and Flight Instructor	2004
FAA-S-8081-32	Private Pilot PTS for Powered Parachute and Weight Shift Control	2004

Note: Due to migration to Airman Certification Standards (ACS), Practical Test Standards will be updated on an as-needed basis triggered by a regulation/rule change, NTSB Safety Recommendation, or a flight safety concern.

Airman Certification Standards (ACS)

Publication Number	Title	Pub. Date
FAA-S-ACS-1	Aviation Mechanic ACS	Projected release: 2018
FAA-S-ACS-4	Inspection Authorization ACS <i>(reserved pub. number for possible development)</i>	TBD
FAA-S-ACS-5	Parachute Rigger ACS <i>(reserved pub. number for possible development)</i>	TBD
FAA-S-ACS-6	Private Pilot – Airplane ACS	June 2016
FAA-S-ACS-7	Commercial Airplane ACS	June 2017
FAA-S-ACS-8	Instrument Rating ACS	June 2016
FAA-S-ACS-9	Instructor ACS	Projected release: 2018
FAA-S-ACS-10	Remote Pilot – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems ACS	July 2016
FAA-S-ACS-11	Airline Transport Pilot and Type Rating for Airplane ACS	Projected release: 2018

Note: *Airman Certification Standards are reviewed for revision 1 year from the publication date.*

Reference Handbooks

Publication Number	Title	Pub. Date	Change/ Reviewed	Review for Revision
FAA-H-8083-1	Weight and Balance Handbook	2016		2019
FAA-H-8083-2	Risk Management Handbook	2009	2016	2018
FAA-H-8083-3	Airplane Flying Handbook	2016		2018
FAA-H-8083-4	Helicopter Instructor's Handbook	2012		n/a
FAA-H-8083-5	Weight Shift Control Flying Handbook	2008		n/a
FAA-H-8083-6	Advanced Avionics Handbook	2009		n/a
FAA-H-8083-9	Aviation Instructor's Handbook	2008	Under revision	Projected release: Sept. 2018
FAA-H-8083-11	Balloon Flying Handbook	2008		n/a
FAA-H-8083-13	Glider Flying Handbook	2013		n/a
FAA-H-8083-15	Instrument Flying Handbook	2012	2015	2018
FAA-H-8083-17	Parachute Riggers Handbook	2015		2020
FAA-H-8083-18	Flight Navigator Handbook	2011		2018
FAA-H-8083-19	Plane Sense	2008		n/a
FAA-H-8083-21	Helicopter Flying Handbook	2012	Under revision	Projected release: Sept. 2018
FAA-H-8083-23	Seaplane, Skiplane, and Float/Ski Equipped Helicopter Operations Handbook	2004	2013; no revision	2020
FAA-H-8083-25	Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge	2016		2018
FAA-H-8083-27	Student Pilot Guide	2006	2016	2018
FAA-H-8083-29	Powered Parachute Flying Handbook	2007		n/a
FAA-H-8083-30	Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook—General	2009	Under revision	Projected release: Dec. 2017
FAA-H-8083-31	Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook—Powerplant	2012	Under revision	Projected release: Sept. 2018
FAA-H-8083-32	Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook—Airframe	2012	Under revision	Projected release: Sept. 2018

Note: Items marked "n/a" will be updated on an as-needed basis triggered by a regulation/rule change, NTSB Safety Recommendation, or a flight safety concern.

Airman Knowledge Testing Supplements

Publication Number	Title	Pub. Date	Revision Status
FAA-CT-8080-1	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Commercial Pilot	2016	Under minor revision. Projected release: June 2018
FAA-CT-8080-2	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Sport Pilot, Recreational Pilot, and Private Pilot	2016	Under minor revision. Projected release: June 2018
FAA-CT-8080-3	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Instrument Rating	2017	
FAA-CT-8080-4	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Aviation Mechanic General, Powerplant, and Airframe; and Parachute Rigger	2013	Under minor revision. Projected release: June 2018
FAA-CT-8080-5	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Sport Pilot Instructor	2016	Under minor revision. Projected release: June 2018
FAA-CT-8080-6	Computer Testing Supplement for Flight Engineer	1999	
FAA-CT-8080-7	Airman Knowledge Testing Supplement for Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Dispatcher	2005	Under revision. Projected release: October 2018
FAA-CT-8080-8	Inspection Authorization Computer Testing Supplement	2008	