

STEPS FOR OBTAINING STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATE (AIRPLANE) (effective 4/1/2016)

- Applicant
 - Must be at least 16 years of age (*see note below*)
 - Completes FAA Integrated Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application (IACRA) at <https://iacra.faa.gov/iacra/>
 - Receives FAA Tracking Number (FTN) online
 - Gives CFI the FTN
- CFI
 - Enters FTN to IACRA
 - Validates applicant's address, age, English proficiency
 - Looks at photo ID (e.g. driver's license) and writes down number
 - Submits IACRA application to FAA
- FAA processES application, which includes TSA approval
- Applicant receives Student Pilot Certificate in about 3 weeks (possibly longer, possibly shorter)

Certificate is a plastic card and has no expiration date.

Student pilot must carry certificate if conducting solo flight.

Medical Certificate also required for solo flight.

For more information see FAA Advisory Circular AC 61-65F.

Note: If a student wants to solo on his/her 16th birthday, AOPA suggests they apply for a Glider Student Pilot Certificate, where the required age is at least 14. Then the requested certificate can be changed to Airplane.