FAA Medical Certificate Notice

Below is a list of medical conditions that the FAA has labeled as disqualifying medical conditions. If you have one of these conditions, please let us know so we can help determine the best options before you fill out the medical application. Under certain circumstances, with proof that the disease or condition will not affect your piloting skills or abilities, the FAA can issue a waiver which is called a special issuance medical. A special issuance may allow you to fly, but there can be additional limitations to which circumstances you can fly or not fly. A special issuance may also be needed if you are taking certain medications. Special Issuance situations will require continuous communication with the FAA and your aviation medical examiner. Often times, the FAA will require monthly or yearly documentation from a physician, psychiatrist or another accountable individual, documenting that your condition is controlled and remaining stable or improving.

According to the FAA website titled "Pilot Medical Questions and Answers" common disqualifying medical conditions include the following:
https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/faq/

- Angina pectoris
- Bipolar disease
- Cardiac valve replacement
- Coronary heart disease that has been treated or, if untreated, that has been symptomatic or clinically significant
- Diabetes mellitus requiring hypoglycemic medications
- Disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory explanation of the cause
- Epilepsy
- Heart replacement
- Myocardial infarction
- Permanent cardiac pacemaker
- A personality disorder that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts
- Psychosis
- Substance abuse
- Substance dependence
- Transient loss of control of nervous system function(s) without satisfactory explanation of cause.

This is not a complete list of disqualifying conditions. The FAA can deny an application for an aviation medical for a number of other reasons. In the event that you have a known condition that is included on this list. Please be sure to let admissions know, we can help in determining if your condition might qualify for a special issuance medical certification, or what steps you might be able to take to prepare more thoroughly for the FAA special issuance application process.

How to Apply for Your Medical Certificate

It is required that all students have a Third Class Medical Certificate from the FAA approved medical examiner (AME) prior to beginning flight training at California Aeronautical University. Students must complete the application, appointment, and have the medical certificate in hand prior to arrival at CAU.

Below are step-by-step directions for completing your application.

1. Go to MedXpress: **https://medxpress.faa.gov/medxpress/**
2. Once on the FAA MedXpress homepage, click "Request an Account."

NOTE: A medical examination by an AME is required to complete the medical clearance/certification process.

Existing User

Email Address [Email Address]

Password [Password]

Forgot Your Password?

[Login]

Are You a New User? [Request an Account]

WARNING: You are accessing a U.S. Government information system. This information system, including all related equipment, networks, and network devices, is provided for U.S. Government-authorized use only. Unauthorized or improper use of this system is prohibited, and may result in civil and criminal penalties, or administrative disciplinary action. The communications and data stored or transiting this system may be, for any lawful Government purpose, monitored, recorded, and subject to audit or investigation. By using this system, you understand and consent to such terms.

3. Creating your account.
   a. Ensure you enter your name as it appears on your driver's license. Your name must appear exactly as it does on your identification.
   b. Use an email address you have regular access. You will need to confirm your email address.
   c. Enter three security questions and answers.
   d. Read and accept the terms of service.
   e. A temporary password and instructions will be sent to your email in which you provided.
4. Completing Account Request
   a. You should receive an email that appears as below.

b. Click the link to complete your registration process.

c. Agree to the Terms of service which the webpage loads.

d. You will be prompted to set a new password.
    i. Must be between 8-20 characters
    ii. Must contain at least one uppercase, one lowercase, one number and special
    iii. character.

5. **Starting the Medical Application**
    a. Once logged in, click the link "Form 8500-8" to start a new medical application.
    b. The first three questions regard employment. For students, select "All Other" and "Airman Medical Certificate" for the last question.
    c. Review and accept the Patients Bill Of Rights.
    d. You must enter your personal information exactly as it shows on your driver's license and birth certificate for questions 3 through 9.
    e. Question 10, new student pilots should select "None" if you do not currently hold a student pilot certificate or select "Student" if you have already received your student certificate in the mail.
    f. Questions 11 and 12 should be your current occupation and employer. If none, type "None."
    g. Questions 13 through 16 only apply if you have previous flight training.
    h. If you are currently on medication daily, to include over-the-counter medication such as allergy meds, you will need to list them for question 17. Ensure you enter the medication information to include dosage and frequency correctly.

i. 17a regards medication. List any medication to include Over-The-Counter. Question 17b regards corrective lenses (glasses).

j. Answer question 18 regarding medical history. For any "Yes", you will have a chance to explain later. Question 19 regards any visits to a doctor, urgent care or hospital in the last three years.

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k. Item 20 is asking your permission to run a National Driver Register investigation through DMV. This national check looks items that may or may not disqualify you such as DUI or drug offenses. It is imperative that you list any prior offenses on your application.

l. Click "Submit My Application" and enter your password to submit.

m. Once submitted, it will give you a confirmation number. You will need to copy this number and provide it to the examining facility in order for them to retrieve your
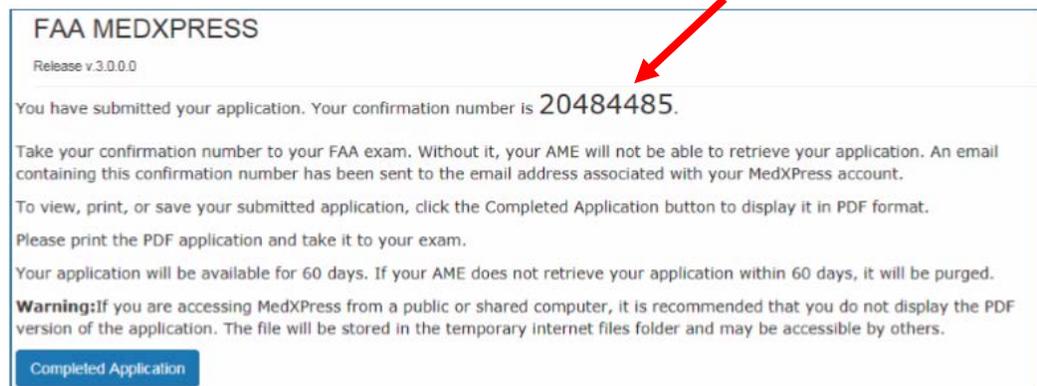
6. Medical Exam

a. You will need to locate an AME (Aviation Medical Examiner) in order to complete your application. You will set an appointment with the physician to review your application, perform the basic hearing test, vision test, and general physical.

b. To locate an examiner, visit: www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/

i.   Click "search for an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME)."

ii. From the drop-down menu, select "AME".

iii. Select "Location Search".

iv. Enter your state as a minimum. For better results, narrow your search by entering additional information. You do not need to check any of the three boxes at the bottom.

v.   If you search yields no results, try searching with less information if you provided additional details. For example, search only "CA" for the state, leaving all other fields blank.

vi. Review the list and for the AME of your choice. Copy the information down to include designee's name, address and phone number. You will need to contact their office to facilitate an appointment.

7. For detailed information on specific questions for your application:

a. Visit
https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/designees_delegations/designee_types/ame/amcs/media/MedXPress%20Users%20Guide.pdf

b. Call us here at CAU 661-615-5915