



THE AVIATION MEDICAL EXAM

Our goal is to make your Aviation Medical Exams as efficient and professional as possible, while adhering to the standards established by the FAA.

Applicants log in to the MedXPress web site (<https://medxpress.faa.gov>) to supply the information for medical certification. This includes identifying data, hours of flight time, and information on any medical problems you have had, medications taken and any physicians or health providers you have seen in the past three years. If you have previously used the system, much of the information is entered automatically. At the time of your medical, this information is imported and reviewed with your AME.

Our staff performs vital signs and obtains your urine test; Dr. Wahls reviews the information with the pilot, and performs a standard physical exam with particular attention to problem areas that could pose a risk during operation of aircraft.

If no concerns are encountered, your certificate will be issued immediately. Results will be transmitted to Oklahoma City.

Your aviation medical exam is relatively time intensive; you should plan to be at our office no less than an hour.

ABOUT DR. STEVEN WAHLS

Steven A. Wahls, MD, FAAFP has provided medical exams for Oregon Pilots since 1999. He is a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner and holds a private pilot certificate.

Dr. Wahls completed his medical training at Rush University in Chicago, and was board certified in Family Medicine, following the completion of his specialty training.

Prior to joining the staff of the OHSU Family Medicine at Scappoose, Dr. Wahls practiced in the Roseburg area from 1984 to 2008. He has special interest in aviation physiology, heart and lung diseases as well as preventative health care.

Dr. Wahls enjoys his wife, three daughters, and their growing families. In addition to aviation, he likes bicycling, snow skiing, and construction projects.



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CURRENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Periodically during the course of a flight physical, we identify medical conditions that require further clarification before we may issue your certificate.

You may request information from your treating physician; with the permission of the regional flight surgeon it may be possible to issue your certificate without formal deferral to Oklahoma City. This process must be completed within one week for students and two for other pilots.

DISQUALIFYING CONDITIONS

The FAA lists certain medical problems as “specifically disqualifying”. If you have a new medical condition in this category, the FAA prohibits the Aviation Medical Examiner from issuing your certificate. The certification will either be deferred (most common) or denied. In either case, final decision on whether to grant certification and additional information is required rests with the FAA. Further information is available on FAA or AOPA web sites.



What to bring:

Prior to your visit, please enter information “on line” to speed up the process of issuing your certificate - <https://medxpress.faa.gov>. This limits cost and improves accuracy. Thank You!

Please bring the following items with you for your flight physical appointment:

- ID number provided by MedXPress. This is assigned when you complete your submission.
- Photo identification.
- Most recent medical certificate & your copy of your last 8500-8 physical form.
- Pilot Log Book.
- List of all medications and doses currently taken.
- List of all health care providers seen in the last three years, with dates, reasons, type of provider and addresses, if possible.
- Any communications you have previously received from the Aeromedical Certification Division, including “Authorization for Special Issuance” letters or “Statements of Demonstrated Ability” (SODAs), if any.
- Medical information from your treating physician on any conditions that may affect your ability to safely operate an aircraft, such as “Current status reports”.
- Corrective lenses, if you require these for distant, intermediate or near vision.

PAYMENT

Payment is expected at the time of service. Any additional medical procedures or follow up visits will be billed at our usual fee schedule rates.

