

➤ If your base education center is not an approved FAA Testing Center, locate the nearest FAA testing center. You are responsible for the exam fees at these locations.

↳ Airmen Knowledge Testing Center List:
http://www.faa.gov/education_research/testing.

When and where do I take the Oral and Practical exams?

➤ After passing the 3 FAA Knowledge exams, contact a Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME) in your area to schedule the oral and practical exams.

↳ A DME list is available at
http://www.faa.gov/education_research/testing.

➤ The FAA requires you to use a DME in the local area where you reside unless you provide justification to use a DME from a different area.

➤ Present the signed FAA Form 8610-2 and Knowledge exam score sheets to the DME at the time of the Oral and Practical exams.

Will Air Force Tuition Assistance pay for the FAA A&P exams?

➤ Per AFI 36-2306, TA may be used within specific guidelines. Contact your base education center. If you are participating in the Montgomery GI Bill, you can be reimbursed. Visit www.gibill.va.gov:

↳ Knowledge exams - reimbursable up to \$100 for each exam.

↳ Oral and Practical exams - reimbursable up to \$500 for each exam.

Is there a time limit when the certification process must be completed?

➤ There is no time limit to complete the Air Force A&P Certification Program. However, per Title 14, CFR Part 65.71, the certification process must be completed within 24 months from the date the first FAA A&P Knowledge exam is administered.

↳ If you fail to complete the certification process within 24 months from the date the first FAA Knowledge exam is administered, you must re-take the expired Knowledge exam(s).

➤ If you cannot complete certification within 24 months due to wartime commitments, contingency deployments, etc., special provisions are provided in SFAR 100-1 to Title 14, CFR Parts 61, 63 and 65.

↳ Extension may be granted up to 6 calendar months after returning to the United States.

What if I fail any of the exams?

➤ If you fail any exam (Knowledge or Oral and Practical), you may retest after 30 days from the date of the exam; or

➤ You may retest before the 30 days if you present a signed statement from a certificated mechanic, certifying that you have been given additional instruction in each of the subjects failed and consider you ready for retesting.

After I pass all exams, when do I get my certificate?

➤ After passing the Oral and Practical exams, the DME will issue you a temporary certificate. The FAA will issue a permanent certificate within 120 days.

What are the benefits of the Air Force A&P Certification Program?

➤ CCAF awards 30 semester hours of collegiate credit for FAA A&P certification towards applicable degree programs. Some civilian colleges also award collegiate credit.

➤ Supports professional development. Develops a more professional, diverse and qualified aircraft maintenance technician.

➤ Increased employment opportunities during transition to civilian life.

➤ Free education/training

➤ Saves Air Force TA funds

➤ Certification opportunity for AFSCs traditionally not eligible

➤ Flexibility during PCS/Deployment

For further information or questions concerning the Air Force A&P Certification Program, contact CCAF/DEAL at DSN 749-5020 / (334) 649-5020 or E-mail at ccaf.faa@maxwell.af.mil



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What is the purpose of the Air Force A&P Certification Program?

Provide aircraft maintenance technicians the opportunity and resources to obtain professional certification through an FAA-approved program that leads to FAA eligibility and certification. It also assists career enhancement and professional development, resulting in a more well-rounded and diverse aircraft maintenance technician benefiting the individual and the Air Force.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Active duty, guard and reserve technicians awarded the 5-skill level, or higher, in the following aircraft maintenance AFSCs:

- 2A0X1, 2A090, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A390, 2A300, 2A5X1, 2A5X2, 2A5X3, 2A590, 2A6X1, 2A6X3, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A690, 2A691, 2A600 (except AGE), 2A7X1, 2A7X2, 2A7X3, 2A7X5, and 2A790.

What if I cross-trained into another AFSC?

Technicians who have cross-trained out of an aircraft maintenance AFSC are eligible to enroll provided:

- They were awarded the 5-skill level in the aircraft maintenance AFSC prior to cross-training.
- They have not been out of the aircraft maintenance AFSC for more than 2 years.

What does the Air Force A&P Certification Program consist of?

- 4-tier training/experience program:
 - ↳ On-The-Job Training (OJT).
 - ↳ 3 Air University Online A&P Specialized Courses.
 - ↳ Documented evidence of 30 months practical experience in airframe and powerplant systems.
 - ↳ 4 years Time-In-Service

How do I enroll in the program?

- Technicians enroll in the program through CCAF at <https://ccaf.maxwell.af.mil/faq/index.asp>.
- If you were previously authorized to test by the FAA you do not need to enroll in this program.

Once I apply for enrollment, what does CCAF do?

- Evaluate completed Air Force and civilian courses on your CCAF academic record for program applicability.
- Build your Qualification Training Package (QTP) and credit applicable program requirements based on the evaluation.
- E-mail you the QTP and instructions to begin program.

How do I complete the Air University Online Specialized Courses?

- Create Air University Online account at <https://au.csd.disa.mil/>.
- Enroll and complete 3 web-based courses:
 - ↳ 02AF1W – A&P Mechanic: General.
 - ↳ 02AF2W – A&P Mechanic: Airframe.
 - ↳ 02AF3W – A&P Mechanic: Powerplant.
- No proctored end-of-course exam:
 - ↳ Unit Review Exercises (URE) are progress exams and tests your knowledge of the course material.
- Print course completion certificate.
- Each SC has Practice Exams to help you prepare for the FAA A&P certification exams.
 - ↳ To access the Practice Exams you must have graduated from the Air Force Airframe and Powerplant Certification Program and issued the *Certificate of Eligibility*.

What is the Certificate of Eligibility issued by CCAF?

- Serves the same qualification function as a Certificate of Completion or Graduation from a Part 147 Aviation Maintenance Technician School.
- Signifies graduation from the FAA-approved Air Force A&P Certification Program and meet FAA eligibility requirements.
- Replaces the need to provide the FAA with other forms of documentary evidence of 30 months practical aircraft maintenance experience in airframe and powerplant systems (CFETP, letter from

supervisor/commander, DD Form 214, training certificates, transcripts, etc.).

What is required for me to be issued the Certificate of Eligibility from CCAF?

- Complete all program and experience requirements identified in the QTP (OJT and Specialized Courses).
- 4-years Time-In-Service.
- 30 months practical aircraft maintenance experience.

What is the next step after I receive my Certificate of Eligibility from CCAF?

- Contact your local FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) to schedule an appointment with an Airworthiness Safety Inspector (ASI).
- Present your military ID, *Certificate of Eligibility*, CG-G-EAE-2 Form and FAA Form 8610-2 to the ASI. The ASI will review the documents and sign the FAA Form 8610-2, authorizing you to take the FAA exams.

What does the FAA A&P certification process consist of?

- **Knowledge** - 3 computer-based exams:
 - ↳ General (50 questions).
 - ↳ Airframe (100 questions).
 - ↳ Powerplant (100 questions).
- **Skill**:
 - ↳ Oral & Practical exams (Practical Test Standards).

Where do I take the FAA A&P Knowledge exams?

- Contact your base education center to determine if it is approved FAA Testing Center. If it is, you may schedule testing.
 - ↳ No cost to you.
 - ↳ Convenient testing location.
 - ↳ Exams administered separately.
 - ↳ Begin with General exam. Schedule testing date for subsequent exams when ready.
 - ↳ Passing score of 70% required for each FAA exam.