

BasicMed

The BasicMed rule is now effective! Print off a [BasicMed Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist \(CMEC\)](#) (PDF) and get your physical exam with a state-licensed physician. Then complete a [BasicMed online medical course](#) Then go fly!

On July 15, 2016, Congress passed legislation to extend the FAA's funding. This legislation, *FAA Extension, Safety, Security Act of 2016* (FESSA) includes relief from holding an FAA medical certificate for certain pilots. This relief is called BasicMed.

When can I fly under BasicMed?

If you meet the BasicMed requirements, you can operate under BasicMed (without an FAA medical certificate) right now!

What do I need to do to fly under BasicMed?

1. Comply with the general BasicMed requirements (possess a U.S. driver's license, have held a medical after July 14, 2006).
2. Get a physical exam with a state-licensed physician, using the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist
3. Complete a BasicMed medical education course;
4. Go fly!

Aircraft Requirements:

- Any aircraft authorized under federal law to carry not more than 6 occupants
- Has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of not more than 6,000 pounds

Operating Requirements:

- Carries not more than five passengers
- Operates under VFR or IFR, within the United States, at less than 18,000 feet MSL, not exceeding 250 knots.
- Flight not operated for compensation or hire

Medical Conditions Requiring One Special Issuance Before Operating under BasicMed:

(1) A mental health disorder, limited to an established medical history or clinical diagnosis of—

1. A personality disorder that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts;
2. A psychosis, defined as a case in which an individual—
 1. Has manifested delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of psychosis; or

2. May reasonably be expected to manifest delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of psychosis;
3. A bipolar disorder; or
4. A substance dependence within the previous 2 years, as defined in §67.307(a)(4) of 14 Code of Federal Regulations

(2) A neurological disorder, limited to an established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:

1. Epilepsy;
2. Disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause; or
3. A transient loss of control of nervous system functions without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause.

(3) A cardiovascular condition, limited to a one-time special issuance for each diagnosis of the following:

1. Myocardial infarction;
2. Coronary heart disease that has required treatment;
3. Cardiac valve replacement; or
4. Heart replacement.

Still have questions?

- [Check the BasicMed Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)
- [AC 68-1A – BasicMed](#)
- [July/August 2017 FAA Safety Briefing: The BasicMed Issue](#) (PDF)