

STEPS YOU NEED TO TAKE

If you do not have an FAA flight or instructor certificate, you will need to see an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) or a civilian Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) to obtain your "Student" and/or "Sport Pilot Certificate" to fly a light sport aircraft.

The hierarchy of the new sport pilot system is:

Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) personnel who can administer all practical and proficiency tests. Can issue student, sport pilot and instructor certificates. The FAA is also authorizing Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE) to accomplish this task.

Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) – A civilian who represents FAA and can issue FAA student, Pilot and Instructor Certificates. These can be sub classified as Sport Pilot Examiners (SPE) and Sport Pilot Instructor Examiners (SPIE).

Sport Pilot DPE's - A DPE rated as a Sport Pilot Examiner (SPE) to issue certificates to Students and Sport Pilots.

Sport Pilot Instructor DPE's - A DPE rated as a Sport Pilot Instructor Examiner (SPIE) to issue Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certificates for sport pilot instruction.

Each DPE reports to FAA staff who is their Principle Operations Inspector (POI)

Certified Flight Instructors (CFI) - Instructors who can instruct, endorse, and provide proficiency checks for Sport Pilots and Sport Pilot CFI's. They can NOT issue Student or Sport Pilot Certificates.

Sport Pilot - pilot who holds an FAA License/certificate and exercises Sport Pilot privileges. Able to fly Light Sport Aircraft make/model/set endorsed with log book signoff.

When using a drivers license for medical eligibility: If an individuals FAA medical has been revoked, denied or suspended, he or she must obtain a special issuance to clear the medical. Then, he or she may use a drivers license as the medical eligibility. Any limitation on the drivers license or FAA medical must be followed.

Steps to get where you want to go, starting with what you are now.

The following flow chart provides you the specific steps you need to follow to achieve your objective to be a Sport Pilot.

If a member of an ultralight organization before January 31, 2008, your air time (aeronautical experience) counts towards a Sport or Private pilot certificate.

All your training and solo time as a Sport Pilot counts towards a private pilot certificate if you decide to transition to a private pilot certificate.