

# FAA Aviation Maintenance Technician A&P Rating

Similarly to pilot, the FAA offers an accelerated path to certification for aviation mechanics and those who have worked in the field while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran or transitioning service member (TSM), possess a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the Joint Services Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council (JSAMTCC), or are able to provide sufficient proof of experience and training, and have at least 18 months of practical experience in either an Airframe or Powerplant rating (or have 30 months combined experience in both ratings) then you may qualify for this pathway.

## Application Requirements

- ✓ At least 18 years old and able to read, write, and speak English
- ✓ Provide two (2) completed copies of the Airman Certificate and/or
- ✓ Rating Application (FAA Form 8610-2)
- ✓ Copy of DD214 with MOS/ratings and a copy of Certificate of Eligibility from the Joint Services Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council OR;
- ✓ A copy of a graduation certificate from a 14CFR part 147 Aviation Maintenance School
- ✓ For those currently serving provide a letter and completed FAA Certification Performance of Job Tasks form from your commanding/executive officer, maintenance officer, or classification officer with the following information:
  - a. Length of military service
  - b. Time worked in each occupation/MOS
  - c. Make and model of aircraft in which the applicant acquired practical experience
  - d. Location where he/she obtained the experience
- ✓ Provide additional documentation or training records showing the type of aviation school attended and/or on-the-job training received (Note: time spent in training does not count toward practical experience)

All applicants must visit their local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) to submit their 8610-2 rating application form and evidentiary documents for evaluation prior to receiving authorization to test.

Upon submission an evaluation will be completed to determine if sufficient experience has been fulfilled. Once approved, the TSM/veteran will need to successfully complete the knowledge (written), oral, and practical skills exams within a 24-month window from the first attempt of any test.



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## Written/Knowledge Exams



Aviation Maintenance  
Technician General (AMG)



Aviation Maintenance  
Technician Airframe (AMA)



Aviation Maintenance  
Technician Powerplant (AMP)

General exam consists of 60 questions, Airframe and Powerplant exams consist of 100 questions each.  
The applicant has 2 hours to take each exam and must score at least a 70% to pass.

To search for a practice test, visit [HERE](#) - click  
on the "Practice Exams" option

To locate a testing center, visit [HERE](#) - click  
on the "Find a Test Center" option

## Written/Knowledge Exam Fees\*

General **\$165**  
Airframe **\$165**  
Powerplant **\$165**

Contact information for written/knowledge exams:

**PSI – True Talent Enterprise**

Email: [examschedule@psionline.com](mailto:examschedule@psionline.com) | Phone: 1-844-704-1487

*\*Pricing set by FAA approved testing centers and are subject to change. There is an additional \$64 fee to delivery a test to a location outside of a PSI owned and operated testing center.*

## Oral & Practical Skills Exams

Once an applicant successfully passes the written knowledge exams, he/she is able to sit for the oral and practical skills tests. Oral and Practical Skills Exams are conducted at a DME (Designated Mechanic Examiner) testing facility. Oral and practical exams can last between 9 – 12 hours.

## Oral & Practical Skills Exam Fees

Oral and practical skills testing is set by the individual DME. The average cost to take both exams may vary between \$500 - \$900 depending on the examiner.

To search for a DME, click [HERE](#)  
Under "Designee Type", select DME –  
Designated Mechanic Examiner

☐ Pilot Examiners ☒ DME/DPRE Examiners ☐ IA ☐ Other Examiners  
Designee Type: DME - Designated Mechanic Examiner  
FAA Office: Select an Office

## Additional Resources

Should a TSM or veteran decide to pursue additional education or training, they may use the following link to search for [FAA approved maintenance schools](#). Additional fees may apply.

FAA policy guidelines regarding Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification

## Certification Card

Upon successful completion of the written/knowledge exams, oral, and practical skills test, a temporary certificate will be issued while the permanent certification card is processed and mailed to the applicant.