

Flight License	Required Medical Certificate	Validity (Under 40)	Validity (40 and Older)	Notes
Student Pilot Certificate	Third-Class Medical	60 months	24 months	Required for solo flight.
Sport Pilot Certificate	No FAA Medical (Driver's License)	N/A	N/A	Must not have been denied an FAA medical.
Recreational Pilot Certificate	Third-Class Medical	60 months	24 months	More privileges than Sport Pilot, fewer than Private Pilot.
Private Pilot Certificate (PPL)	Third-Class Medical	60 months	24 months	Most common certificate for personal flying.
Commercial Pilot Certificate (CPL)	Second-Class Medical	12 months	12 months	Reverts to Third-Class privileges after 12 months.
Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP)	First-Class Medical	12 months	6 months	Downgrades to Second-Class, then Third-Class after expiration.
Remote Pilot Certificate (Part 107)	None (Self-certification)	N/A	N/A	Must pass FAA knowledge test.