

# Office of International Aviation



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## Foreign License Validation Process

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## References

- Chicago Convention
- ICAO Annex I Part
- 14 CFR Part 61.75
- 14 CFR Part 61.77



## Annex 1 — Personnel Licensing

### 1.2.5 Validity of licences

- **When a Contracting State renders valid a licence issued by another Contracting State, as an alternative to the issuance of its own licence, it shall establish validity by suitable authorization to be carried with the former licence accepting it as the equivalent of the latter**
  
- **A pilot licence issued by a Contracting State should be rendered valid by other Contracting States for use in private flights.**



## 14 CFR Part 61.75.

- **A person who holds a foreign pilot license at the private pilot level or higher that was issued by a contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation may apply for and be issued a U.S. private pilot certificate with the appropriate ratings**



## 14 CFR Part 61.75

- **FAA may issue a U.S. private pilot certificate based on the foreign pilot license without any further showing of proficiency, provided the applicant:**
- **(3) Does not hold a U.S. pilot certificate other than a U.S. student pilot certificate;**
- **(4) Holds a medical certificate issued under part 67 of this chapter or a medical license issued by the country that issued the person's foreign pilot license; and**
- **(5) Is able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language**



### **If you are applying for a certificate issued on the basis of a foreign license under the provisions of: 14 CFR Part 61, Section 61.75**

- The Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760 must have the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) verify the validity and currency of the foreign license and medical certificate or endorsement before you apply for an FAA certificate or authorization.**
- The processing of the Verification of Authenticity of Foreign License, Rating, and Medical Certification form takes approximately 45 to 90 days to complete**



## Send Us Your Information

You can provide the required information using the optional Verification of Authenticity of Foreign License, Rating, and Medical Certification form. [..\.\.\.\.verify61-75.pdf](#)

You can send us the form and the preferred documents two ways:

**By Mail**

Federal Aviation Administration  
Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760  
P.O. Box 25082  
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

**By Fax** (405) 954-9922



## 14 CFR Part 61.75

- (When we receive verification from the CAA, you will receive written notification that we forwarded a copy to the Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) you designated in your request.
- The verification is valid for 6 calendar months. You may apply for a U.S. certificate at the designated [FSDO](#) during that period.



## 14 CFR Part 61.75

A U.S. pilot certificate issued on the basis of a foreign pilot license remains in effect as long as the foreign pilot license used to obtain the U.S. pilot certificate is valid.

- **“ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF AND VALID ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY [NAME OF COUNTRY] PILOT LICENSE NO. [NUMBER FROM FOREIGN PILOT LICENSE]. ALL LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE [NAME OF COUNTRY] PILOT LICENSE APPLY”** under the ratings in block XII



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