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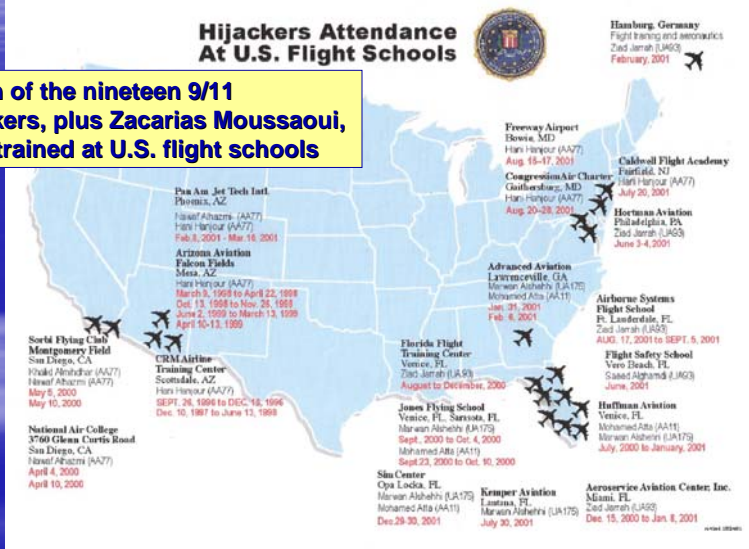


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Hijackers Attendance At U.S. Flight Schools

**Seven of the nineteen 9/11
Hijackers, plus Zacarias Moussaoui,
were trained at U.S. flight schools**





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Historical Background

9:03 a.m., plane hits south tower

9/11



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Historical Background

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- 9/11
- ATSA-11/19/01)
- Vision 100
- Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP) created
 - DOJ and FAA (Feb. 13, 2003- DOJ FR- DOJ stop Sept. 28, 2004)
 - TSA
- 49 CFR 1552 - Interim Final Rule (Oct 5 & 20, 2004)





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What is covered

There Are Really Only Four Requirements

- Verification of U.S. Citizenship
- Compliance with the AFSP provisions prior to training foreign candidates
- Flight School Security Awareness (FSSA) Training
 - Initial
 - Recurrent
- Maintenance of documents



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Flight Training Providers

- 14 CFR Part 61 school/instructor
 - Has no FAA School certificate and less FAA oversight
 - May include: Solo instructor CFI, CFII, CFI-MEI, fixed base operator (FBO), flight school, flying club, etc.
 - Part 61 Schools (companies) are not listed in any FAA database
 - FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) cannot verify a Part 61 school to the AFSP
 - A Part 61 school must register with the AFSP using the CFI certificate number of, for example, the owner or chief pilot, etc.



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Flight Training Providers-cont

- **14 CFR Part 121 school** (FSSA Training Exemption, with conditions)
 - Air Carrier Operator School
 - Coordinate with assigned PSI prior to any inspection
 - Follow the current TSI RAP
- **14 CFR Part 135 School** (Possible FSSA Training Exemption)
 - On Demand Operator School
 - Coordinate with assigned PSI prior to any inspection
 - Follow the current TSI work plan



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Flight Training Providers-cont

- **14 CFR Part 141 school**
 - FAA approved flight school
 - Holds an FAA pilot school certificate & has FAA oversight
 - No bundled applications-new AFSP request for each event
- **14 CFR Part 142 Training Centers**
 - FAA certificate and Oversight
 - Training provided in advanced flight simulators



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TSA's Flight Training Definition

- **Category 1**
 - Flight training (some exclusions) in aircraft greater than 12,500 lbs maximum takeoff weight (MTOW)
 - Does not include endorsements, orientation/demo flights
- **Category 2**
 - Expedited training in aircraft greater than 12,500 lbs MTOW
 - FTP must retain documents verifying qualification for expedited training
 - Usually airline employee pilots
 - Does not include endorsements, orientation/demo flights



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TSA's Flight Training Definition- cont

- **Category 3**
 - Flight training in aircraft 12,500 lbs MTOW and Less, only:
 - Initial training (private, sport, recreational pilot, and commercial without a prior FAA certificate)
 - Instrument training
 - Multi-engine training
- **Category 4**
 - Certain recurrent flight training under sections of 14 CFR

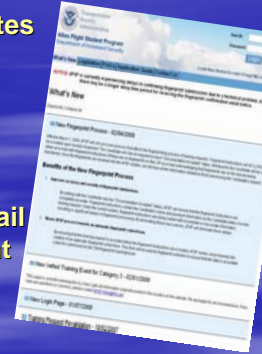


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Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP)

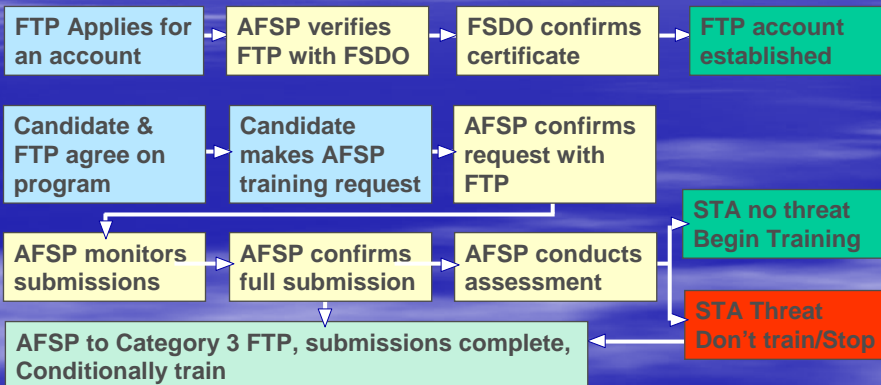
- Verifies applying FTPs with FAA FSDO
- Receives training requests from flight candidates
- Verifies candidate training request with FTP
- Receives required information submitted by candidate and FTP
- Verifies payment and that all required information has been submitted
- Communicates with candidate and FTP via email
- Coordinates conduct of TSA threat assessment
- Communicates training approval to candidate and to FTP
- Maintains FTP and training request database



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The AFSP Process





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Finding Fingerprint Locations



<http://www.tsc-csc.com/printoffices/>

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Applicants may be fingerprinted at a nearby airport. Use this tool to locate the print office most convenient to you.

The following states/ countries have printing offices available (Use the drop down list to select the state or country)

Within the United States

Select

Outside the United States

Select

Candidate's fingerprints must be collected either (1) by, or under the supervision of, a U.S. Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency; (2) by another entity approved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or TSA, including airports that possess appropriate fingerprint collection equipment and personnel certified to capture fingerprints and NATA certified fingerprint collectors.

If you desire to use one of those offices, please contact them in advance to verify that they can provide these services.

Due to the large number of entities involved, the Clearinghouse does not have a listing of participating law enforcement offices.

TSA Notice to AFSP Candidates

- Effective 17 April 2006, if a candidate submits unsubmitted fingerprints prior to paying for his/her training request and receiving the official Alien Flight Student Program (AFSP) fingerprint instructions, the fingerprints are invalid and the associated training request will be cancelled. The fingerprints will NOT be applied to any current or future training request. Both the candidate and the provider will receive an email notifying them that the fingerprints are invalid, the training request(s) is/are cancelled and what steps need to be taken to resolve the problem to complete processing through the ARDF.

International Fingerprinting Locations and New Domestic Fingerprinting Options

- TSA is pleased to announce that fingerprinting of candidates in certain international cities is now available through an expanded partnership with NATA Compliance Services.
- In addition, TSA will now permit fingerprint collectors certified by NATA Compliance Services to fingerprint candidates who apply for training at flight schools where the collector is located, in addition to candidates who apply for training at other flight schools. Both of these announcements represent substantial changes to TSA policies on fingerprint collection. TSA believes that these changes will streamline the fingerprinting process for candidates and the flight training industry, and intends to closely monitor progress to determine the effectiveness of these changes.



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AOPA FTP Rule Compliance Checklist

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR FLIGHT TRAINING VALIDATION RULE CHECKLIST

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)
FLIGHT TRAINING VALIDATION RULE

REQUIREMENTS ONLY APPLY TO FLIGHT TRAINING IN AIRCRAFT WEIGHING LESS THAN 12,500 LBS FOR SPORT PILOT CERTIFICATE, RECREATIONAL PILOT CERTIFICATE, PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE, INSTRUMENT RATING, OR MULTIEGINE RATING

■ AIRSHIPS, BALLOONS, AND GLIDERS ARE EXEMPT ■

All Students—prove citizenship status before beginning flight training
 Foreign Nationals—complete background check with TSA/ receive TSA clearance to begin training
 Flight Schools/Instructors—complete annual security awareness training for each active CFI and any employee in direct contact with students

IF TRAINING U.S. CITIZENS

- Flight review and proficiency check, or tailwheel, high performance, and complex endorsements are exempt.
- Training for sport, recreational, and private pilot certificates, or instrument and multiengine ratings:
 - Check student's proof of U.S. citizenship*
 - Keep copy of student ID for five years. QR endorse instructor and student logbook:

"I certify that [insert student's name] has presented me a [insert type of document presented, i.e., U.S. birth certificate or U.S. passport and control or sequential number on document] establishing that [he or she] is a U.S. citizen or national in accordance with 49 CFR 1552.3(b). [Insert date and instructor's signature and CFI number]."

- Okay to begin training

*U.S. passport OR one of the following: birth certificate; certification of birth abroad with raised seal; certificate of U.S. citizenship with raised seal; certificate of registration or U.S. naturalization certificate with raised seal, accompanied by government issued picture ID.

For latest information visit:
www.aopa.org/tsa_rule • www.flighttraining.aopa.org/cfi_tools
 800-USA-AOPA

IF TRAINING FOREIGN NATIONALS (GREEN CARD AND VISA HOLDERS)

- Flight review and proficiency check, or tailwheel, high performance, and complex endorsements are exempt.
- Is student in the U.S. on a visitor status visa? (B-1 or B-2). If yes, STOP. Student must have proper visa status (refer student to U.S. Dept. of State: 202/953-1225). If no, continue.
- Training for sport, recreational, and private pilot certificates, or instrument and multiengine ratings:
 - Instructor registers with TSA (www.flight-school-candidates.gov/tsindex.html).
 - Student presents current valid passport.
 - Student registers and applies for training with TSA (www.flight-school-candidates.gov).
 - Instructor confirms student's request.
 - Student pays TSA \$130 processing fee.
 - TSA preliminary decision received.
 - Student submits fingerprints to TSA.
 - TSA confirms receipt of fingerprints and fee and allows flight training to begin.
 - Student photo taken on first day of flight training and sent to TSA.
 - TSA notifies instructor if training needs to stop.
- Okay to begin training.

Flight School/Instructor keep following records for five years: student record, photo, TSA approval, name, gender, and date of birth, TSA ID number, copy of current and previous passports and visas, country of birth and citizenship, incl. previous country of citizenship, requested dates, type, and location of training, U.S. pilot certificate number, current address/phone number, incl. previous five years, copy of \$130 TSA processing fee payment receipt.

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STATUS OF STUDENT'S FLIGHT TRAINING REQUEST:
 E-MAIL TSA AT AFSP.Help@tts.gov





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Questions?

Email boxes:

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