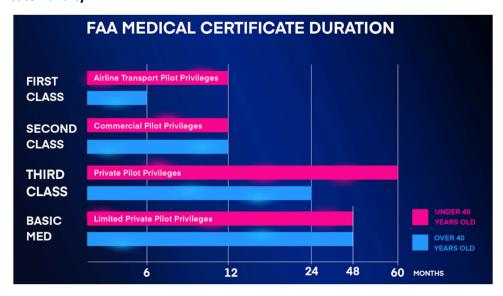
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Medical Certificates & Basic Med

Ensuring you are medically fit to operate an aircraft is a critical aspect of maintaining aviation safety. The FAA requires that all pilots possess a valid medical certificate before flying. An FAA medical certificate is a document issued by an authorized Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) that confirms a pilot meets the medical standards outlined in 14 CFR Part 67 & 14 CFR Part 61.23. Basic-Med, established in May 2017, is an alternative way for pilots to demonstrate medical eligibility to fly without holding an FAA medical certificate. Poor health, fatigue, or stress may cause errors in judgement with catastrophic consequences. Below is more information/graphics regarding FAA medical certificates and Basic-Med.

FAA Medical Certificate Validity



Basic-Med Eligibility & Restrictions

- Applicant must hold a valid FAA Pilot Certificate and U.S. issued driver's license
- Applicant must have held any FAA Medical Certificate on or after July 15, 2006.
- Applicant must complete an online medical education course through Mayo Clinic or AOPA.
- Applicant must get a physical examination from a licensed physician using the Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist (CMEC).

BasicMed Restrictions

