

Final Board for Branch Pilots Regulations

18 VAC 45-20-10 Initial licensing.

A. Any person wishing to obtain a license as a limited branch pilot shall meet the following qualifications:

1. Satisfactorily complete a two year apprenticeship in a program approved by the board;
2. Satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination which shall be approved by the board and administered by the examining committee of the board. The examination shall be in two parts:
 - a. Written; and
 - b. Practical oral examination;
3. Comply with the board's regulations and Chapter 9 (§ 54.1-900 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia;
4. Furnish to the board evidence of a satisfactory physical examination conducted within the immediately preceding 60 days. This examination shall include the chemical tests referred to in 18 VAC 45-20-05;
5. Notify the board of any chronic or acute physical or mental condition; and
6. Pay a licensing fee of ~~\$275~~ 60. Each check or money order shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. All fees shall be nonrefundable.

B. Any limited branch pilot wishing to obtain a full branch pilot license shall meet the following qualifications:

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1. Satisfactorily complete a five year apprenticeship in a program approved by the board;
2. Hold a limited branch pilot license in good standing;
3. Pass a practical examination approved by the board and administered by the board's examining committee;
4. Possess a valid unlimited Federal Inland Masters License with First Class Pilot endorsement issued by the United States Coast Guard for the same waters as his branch. Any such federal license acquired after January 1994 shall include an Automated Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) radar certificate. A copy of this license shall be filed with the clerk of the board immediately;
5. Furnish to the board evidence of a satisfactory physical examination conducted within the immediately preceding 60 days;
6. Qualify in accordance with § 54.1-905 of the Code of Virginia; and
7. Pay a licensing fee of ~~\$275~~ 60. Each check or money order is to be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. All fees shall be nonrefundable.

18 VAC 45-20-20 License renewal.

A. Each pilot seeking renewal of his license shall complete a renewal application, comply with the provisions of this section, and appear before the board or its License Renewal Committee which shall determine if he possesses the qualifications to be renewed.

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- B. Any limited branch pilot seeking to renew his license shall meet the following standards:
1. Furnish to the board evidence of a satisfactory physical examination conducted within the immediately preceding 60 days;
 2. Furnish to the board evidence that he has transited the waters embraced by his license during the preceding 12 months;
 3. After three years of licensure as a limited branch pilot, possess a valid First Class Pilot License issued by the United States Coast Guard for the same waters as his limited branch. Any such federal license acquired after January 1994 shall include an Automated Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) radar certificate; and
 4. Pay a license renewal fee of ~~\$375~~ 60. Each check or money order is to be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. All fees shall be non-refundable.
- C. Any full branch pilot seeking to renew his license shall meet the following standards:
1. Possess a valid unlimited Federal Inland Masters License with First Class Pilot endorsement issued by the United States Coast Guard for the same waters as his branch; any such federal license renewed or acquired after January 1994 shall include an Automated Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) radar certificate;
 2. Furnish to the board evidence of a satisfactory physical examination conducted within the immediately preceding 60 days;

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3. Furnish to the board evidence that he has transited the waters embraced by his license during the preceding 12 months, and that he has piloted 12 or more ships during that time, at least six trips as a pilot within the first six months of the calendar year and six trips as a pilot within the last six months of the calendar year;
4. Upon the showing of good cause, the board may waive the requirements of subdivision 3 of this subsection when in its judgment the pilot is otherwise qualified;
5. Qualify in accordance with § 54.1-906 of the Code of Virginia; and
6. Pay a license renewal fee of ~~\$375~~ 60. Each check or money order is to be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. All fees shall be nonrefundable.

I certify that this regulation is full, true and correctly dated.

Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director

Date

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