

# MILITARY TO FAA A&P MECHANIC

## Step-by-Step Authorization to Test

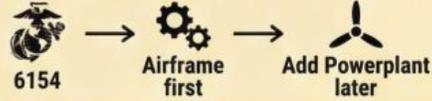
**SAVE & SHARE THIS INFO!**

### What You Need:

- ✓ DD214
- ✓ Valid Picture ID
- ✓ Completed FAA Form 8610-2

### YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR AIRFRAME OR POWERPLANT SEPARATELY!

The FAA lets you piece it together



### STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS



#### STEP 1

#### CHECK ELIGIBILITY

- 18 months for single rating (A or P)
- 30 months for both (A&P)
- Hands-on maintenance experience counts



#### STEP 2

#### GATHER DOCUMENTS

- DD214 showing MOS/AFSC/NEC
- Valid ID
- MO letter (if needed)



#### STEP 3

#### COMPLETE FAA FORM 8610-2

- Download from [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)
- Fill Section I (Personal Info)
- Fill Section II (Military Experience)
- Fill Section III (Work History)
- Sign Section IV



#### STEP 4

#### GET YOUR FTN

- Register at [iacra.faa.gov](http://iacra.faa.gov)
- Establish FAA Tracking Number
- Required for all testing



#### STEP 5

#### SUBMIT TO FAA

- Find local FSDO office
- Submit 2 originals + documents
- FAA inspector reviews



#### STEP 6

#### GET AUTHORIZATION

- FAA signs Section V
- You receive signed Form 8610-2
- Authorized to test!



#### STEP 7

#### SCHEDULE WRITTEN TESTS

- General
- Airframe (if seeking A)
- Powerplant (if seeking P)
- Take at PSI/Pearson VUE centers



#### STEP 8

#### PASS & MOVE FORWARD

- After passing written tests
- Ready for Oral & Practical
- Find DME for final exams

### EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS TABLE

#### AIRFRAME ONLY

**18 months**  
Examples:  
Structures, sheet metal, hydraulics

#### BOTH A&P

**30 months** concurrent  
OR  
**18 months** each separately

#### POWERPLANT ONLY

**18 months**  
Examples:  
Engines, fuel systems, propellers

### Helpful Links:

- [www.faa.gov/mechanics/become](http://www.faa.gov/mechanics/become)
- [www.shelleaviation.com/reststauth.html](http://www.shelleaviation.com/reststauth.html)
- [www.airframeandpowerplant.com/m/military.html](http://www.airframeandpowerplant.com/m/military.html)