

HOW IT WORKS

# The Basics of BasicMed

Going through the BasicMed process isn't difficult. It requires four simple steps, all of which are detailed on AOPA's website ([aopa.org/basicmed](http://aopa.org/basicmed)).



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## Print the checklist

This is what your doctor will use to complete the medical evaluation.



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## Get a physical

Check with your doctor to make sure he or she is comfortable completing and signing the form, and then go through the checklist. It's similar to a yearly physical any general practitioner is accustomed to performing, and it can be completed by any state-licensed physician. The doctor should return the completed checklist to you to retain for your records.



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## Complete the course

The free online course includes a quiz and a method to submit your checklist verification to the FAA.



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## File the documents

The course completion certificate and physical exam checklist should be kept in your logbook.

## Renewing your BasicMed authorization is just as easy.

To remain legal under BasicMed you must:

Retake the course every 24 calendar months. The course is valid for two years, to the end of the month in which it is taken.

Obtain a new BasicMed physical exam every four years. It is valid four years to the day it was taken.



Every 24 Months



Every 4 Years

If you develop, or have developed since your last medical certificate, one of nine medical conditions listed in the regulations, the FAA requires you to obtain a one-time special issuance medical. The conditions are detailed on AOPA's website ([aopa.org/basicmed](http://aopa.org/basicmed)), and are narrowly focused on cardiac, neurological, and behavioral health conditions.