

## **Class 2 medical certificate**

You must have a Class 2 medical certificate for a:

- [Recreational Pilot Licence](#)
- [Private Pilot Licence](#)
- [Commercial Pilot \(Balloon\) Licence](#).

You can get a Basic Class 2 medical certificate as an alternative. However, it will have more operational restrictions.

## **Class 2 medical certificate validity**

Class 2 medical certificates are valid for:

- 4 years if you are under 40 years on the day of your medical examination
- 2 years if you are over 40 years.

## **Class 2 certificate restrictions**

[Commercial pilots](#) with a Class 2 medical certificate can only fly commercial flights without passengers if the maximum take-off weight is less than 8618 kg. This includes in-flight training.

[Student pilots](#) must have a Class 2 (or Basic Class 2) medical certificate before they can fly solo.

## **On the spot Class 2 medical certificates**

Some designated aviation medical examiners (DAMEs) can issue you with a Class 2 medical certificate on the spot. Others must submit your application to us to assess.

A DAME can't issue you an on the spot certificate if you previously had a Class 2 application denied. Or, if you have medical conditions such as:

- psychosis
- irreversible dementia
- epilepsy.

For more information, check with your DAME when you make your appointment.

## **Basic Class 2 medical certificate**

A Basic Class 2 medical certificate is available as an alternative to a full Class 2 certificate for private operations.

It has the following operational restrictions:

- only private day operations under the visual flight rules (VFR) and below 10,000 feet
- a maximum of 5 passengers
- only piston engine aircraft
- maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of less than 8618kg
- no use of operational ratings (such as [instructor rating](#) or [instrument rating](#))
- no use of flight activity endorsements (e.g. aerobatics, low level).

These restrictions don't apply if a suitably qualified pilot with a valid Class 1 or Class 2 medical certificate is in a control seat.

You can get a Basic Class 2 examination from any medical practitioner who does medicals for commercial motor vehicle drivers. The medical standard is exactly the same as the commercial driver standard (Austroads).

You will be issued a Basic Class 2 medical certificate if you unconditionally meet the standard (except for glasses and hearing aids).

If you don't pass your Basic Class 2 medical, or you have a pre-existing medical condition, you will need a full DAME assessment to apply for a Class 2 medical certificate. DAMEs have more flexibility to consider the specific circumstances in an aviation context.