



SAFETY GRAM

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BasicMed and USAF Aero Clubs, **effective 1 May 2017**

There have been several questions about BasicMed and USAF Aero Club guidance. Most common question is 'do I need a Third Class medical certificate if I am a member that maintains PIC privileges?'

AFI 34-117, paragraph 4.6 states, "Only club members, employees, or aero club contractors possessing a valid FAA pilot certificate, **valid FAA medical certification**, and who have successfully completed the applicable checkout requirements may pilot club aircraft..."

BasicMed is a valid FAA medical certification, you may act as PIC of an aero club aircraft (assuming all requirements and currencies are met) under BasicMed.

Caution

- Safety Pilot: Can I act as a Safety Pilot in simulated IMC under BasicMed if I do not hold a medical? Only if you are acting as the safety pilot and the PIC. If you are not acting as PIC in this scenario, then you are a "required crewmember" who must possess a valid medical certificate. Since BasicMed only applies to the pilot acting as PIC, it does not apply to required crewmembers.

- Active Duty: Does your state allow active duty service members to continue to use an expired driver's license for the purposes of operating a motor vehicle? Is 'authorized' expired driver's licenses valid under BasicMed?

Individuals can use expired driver's licenses in this circumstance, as long as the individual possesses documentation from the State, territory, or possession (along with their expired driver's license) indicating the continued validity of the driver's license, based on that state's active duty military status exception. The documentation can be information from a website of that State/territory/possession. The individual must also possess documentation indicating their active duty military status.

CFI

AFI 34-117 para 1.3.14.8. Chief Flight Instructor, and para 1.3.15.5. Flight Instructor both require 'at least a valid Third Class medical certificate.' In this technical world of flying, BasicMed is an FAA medical **certification but not a certificate**. So, technically an Aero Club CFI must still maintain a medical certificate. But, pending rewrite of AFI 34-117, Aero Club CFIs are authorized to operate under the provisions of BasicMed.

Please visit: https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/ for additional FAA guidance reference BasicMed and their FAQs.

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