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Did You Know? The FAA recommends, if you have given a single unit blood donation, you not fly for 24 hours afterwards. This time frame increases to 72 hours if you give more.

Aviation Weather Graphical Forecasts.

The website has been updated to be more user-friendly and includes better graphics:
<http://new.aviationweather.gov/areafcst>

This link from AOPA provides a brief explanation of the features:

<https://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2016/February/23/Checking-out-the-new-graphical-area-forecasts?platform=hootsuite>

Changes to Practical Test Standards.

Several Practical Test Standards have been updated:

1. CFI – Rotorcraft, effective March 22

https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/test_standards/media/FAA-S-8081-7B.pdf

2. Private Pilot certificate & Instrument rating – airplane category only. Practical Test Standards are now called Airman Certification Standards (ACS), and are effective June 15. Risk management elements are added to the standards.

http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing - this will take you to the standards, FAQs, etc.

Green “Airport/Facility Directory” Books Re-Named.

As of March 31, it is now called “Chart Supplement U.S.” All the information remains the same. Books will continue to be published every 56 days; online versions are available at
https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dafd/search/

With the name change, “Airport/Facility Directory” will now refer to the book’s front section that has airports, NAVAIDS and weather devices listed; “Chart Supplement U.S.” will refer to the complete book.

Advisory Circular 61-65E Updated.

This Advisory Circular provides guidance related to Part 61, including instructor endorsements, and is now AC 61-65F.

http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_61-65F.pdf

Drones.

These are becoming more and more prevalent. Keep an eye out for them, especially at busier airports or in populated areas, when taking off or landing. Have already struck a commercial airliner.

- Required to be registered w/ FAA

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Changes in Student Pilot Certificates.

See March-April 99 *News* article on page 15 by Lisa Cotham, International Secretary and FAA Inspector.

A handy chart showing the current and new regulations can be found here:

http://download.aopa.org/advocacy/160114_Student_Pilot_Certificates_Final_Rule_Chart.pdf?_ga=1.162865020.1138804879.1454340842

'Conditions AMEs Can Issue' (CACI) Information.

See March-April 99 *News* article on page 12 by Dr. Petra Illig, Alaska chapter. There is also a webinar archived about women's health issues and medical certificates (www.ninety-nines.org/resourcecenter/). This area is also address in the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2.

Third Class Medical Update.

The U.S. Senate has twice approved third class medical reform (once under the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 and once under the FAA reauthorization legislation) but it has yet to pass the U.S. House. It is now up for Senate approval again as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Currently, aviation related legislation is stalled in the U.S. House as the House is debating privatizing air traffic control.

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2015/december/09/third-class-medical-faqs>

Respectfully,

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