

*Liberty University School of Aeronautics
Restricted Privileges ATP Information Sheet*

The following information is a concise summary of FAA requirements to qualify for the **Airline Transport Pilot Certificate with Reduced Aeronautical Experience (R-ATP*)**. As professional aviators we are held accountable to adherence of FAA guidelines. This information sheet does not relieve pilots of their individual responsibility to take ownership for their education and their knowledge of the FAA requirements to qualify for the R-ATP. **For complete FAA R-ATP guidelines refer to FAA AC 61-139 and FAR 61.160.**

Note: For brevity, the acronym “R-ATP” is used in place of the proper FAA designation of “restricted privileges ATP”.

Overview:

- Original Authorization:
 - Effective September 18, 2013, the Liberty University School of Aeronautics (LUSOA) was issued a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from the FAA granting the LUSOA authority to certify its **residential** graduates for the R-ATP.

- Original Flight Training Affiliate Authorization (FTA):
 - Effective May 29, 2015, the LUSOA received additional authorization from the FAA (Amendment No. 6) to certify its **online** graduates who complete their flight training at any of the FAA approved* **Flight Training Affiliates** (FTA) for the R-ATP.

- Amendment #13:
 - Effective Dec 13, 2017, the LUSOA received additional authorization from the FAA (Amendment No. 13) updating the approved list of aviation-related coursework and Flight Training Affiliates.

***Notes:**

- *New FTAs are frequently being added to LUSOA’s growing list of training locations.*
- *Not all of the LUSOA FTAs are currently approved for the R-ATP.*
- *Future LOA amendments will include the new FTAs.*
- *Amendment No 13, (dated: 13 Dec 2017) contains the current list of FAA approved R-ATP FTAs.*

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- The FAA LOA authorizes the LUSOA to certify its graduates for both the 1,000 Hour and 1,250 Hour R-ATP.
- To be eligible for the FAA R-ATP a student must meet both FAA mandated certificate, academic and flight training requirements.

Certificate Requirements:

1. FAR 61-160(b)3
 - a. “Hold a **commercial pilot certificate** with an airplane category and instrument rating.”

Academic Requirements:

1. Hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautics from Liberty University.
2. For the **1000 hour R-ATP**: Complete 60 credit hours of aviation and aviation-related coursework that has been recognized by the FAA.
3. For the **1250 hour R-ATP**: Complete at least 30 credit hours of aviation and aviation-related coursework that has been recognized by the FAA.

Notes:

- a. **Residential and online** courses can be applied to satisfy the coursework requirement.
- b. **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** credits cannot be applied to satisfy the coursework requirement.
 - i. To receive FAA R-ATP course credit the course must be listed under “Institution Credit” on the student’s official Liberty University transcript. To be listed under “Institution Credit” students must be officially registered for the course.
 - ii. To receive FAA R-ATP course credit for instrument and commercial flight courses, students must be **officially registered** at Liberty University for Instrument Flight (AVIA 320) and Commercial Flight (AVIA 325, 326, 327).
 - iii. Students who complete the Part 141 instrument and commercial flight training courses but were **not officially registered** at Liberty University for Instrument Flight (AVIA 320) and Commercial Flight (AVIA 325, 326, 327) will not be able to use those courses for FAA R-ATP course credit.

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- c. **University graduation requirements vs. FAA R-ATP requirements**
 - i. *While PLA credit may be applied in certain cases to satisfy university graduation requirements, PLA credit does **not** satisfy the FAA coursework requirements for the R-ATP.*
 - ii. *Fulfilling the requirements of the Liberty University Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for graduation will not guarantee that you meet the FAA R-ATP requirements. You must ensure that you complete the required number of credit hours in FAA approved courses.*
- d. *Attached is the current list of the LUSOA aviation-related courses that are FAA approved for the R-ATP.*

Ground / Flight Training Requirements:

- 1. IAW 14CFR61.160, the graduate must have obtained a commercial pilot certificate with an airplane category and instrument rating from a part 141 pilot school associated with an institution of higher education.
 - a. Complete the required Instrument (AVIA 310) and Commercial **ground training** (AVIA 315) as part of an approved Part 141 curriculum at Liberty University.
 - b. Complete the required Instrument (AVIA 320) and Commercial (AVIA 325, 326, 327) **flight training** as part of an approved Part 141 curriculum at the LUSOA or at a Part 141 flight school that has an FTA agreement with the LUSOA as stipulated under 14 CFR §141.26
 - c. Note:
 - i. *The ground training courses and flight training courses must be completed **concurrently**.*
 - 1. *Concurrently is interpreted to mean the ground training must be completed either the semester prior or in the same semester as the associated flight training.*
 - ii. *At the LUSOA, there is **no provision in place for transferring partial Instrument or Commercial flight training between approved flight schools.***

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1. *Any student who begins their Instrument or Commercial flight training at one approved flight school and then transfers to the LUSOA must start over and complete the entire flight course.*

R-ATP Application Procedures:

1. Liberty University graduates with a B.S. Aeronautics Degree who desire to obtain a R-ATP Certifying Statement should make that request via email to Professor Reichard at whreichard@liberty.edu.
2. Upon receipt of that request, a R-ATP checklist listing the documentation required to issue the R-ATP Certifying Statement will be emailed to the requestor.
3. Upon receipt of all the documentation required on the checklist the R-ATP request will be processed.
4. Graduates should allow 7 business days from receipt of all the required documentation to the issuance of the R-ATP Certifying Certificate.

Notes:

- a. *Students are not eligible to apply for the R-ATP Certifying Certificate until they hold an FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate and their B.S. Degree (Aeronautics, Aviation, or Aviation Administration, Flight Cognate) has been conferred.*
- b. *Graduates do not have to wait until achieving the appropriate amount of flight time before applying for their R-ATP Certifying Certificate. There is no advantage in waiting until an airline interview has been scheduled to apply for their R-ATP Certifying Certificate. In that situation, the time required to process the R-ATP Certifying Certificate could actually delay the airline interview.*
- c. *Graduates who apply to a DPE to take the ATP practical test using the provisions of 14CFR61.160 (restricted privileges ATP) will be required to provide their:*
 - i. *Official academic transcript from their LOA-holding university*
 - ii. *61.160 R-ATP certifying statement (R-ATP Certificate).*

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In Summary

Requirements concerning the R-ATP can be complex depending on the situation. It is important to have a clear understanding of the applicable FAA regulations and guidance as well as to use proper planning.

- *Any questions regarding the R-ATP should be directed to:*
 - Residential Students:
 - *Professor Reichard at whreichard@liberty.edu*
 - Online Students:
 - *Mrs. Sarah Valle at flightaffiliate@liberty.edu*