

FAA ATPL Conversion Process

Please see below an overview of the FAA ATPL conversion process, so that you can start preparing for your relocation to the USA:

Obtain Licence Authentication/Verification from your home country CAA

The FAA must request this directly from the CAA who issued your ATPL. This can take between 45-90 days to receive. It is best to know where you will complete the ATP-CTP course to ensure the correct FAA branch request the authentication, but this can be 'transferred' later if necessary. You may request the authentication through the FAA's online system: <https://iacra.faa.gov/>

For more information, please see the FAA website:

https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/foreign_license_verification

Obtain TSA Approval to study in the US

Once you know where you will be completing your ATP-CTP (and type rating training if applicable) you will need to request TSA approval to undertake flight training.

You can complete this on the TSA website: <https://www.fts.tsa.dhs.gov/home>

The approval often takes 3-5 days, however, can take up to 60 days.

Complete the ATP - CTP course

The course involves 30 hours of Ground Class and 10 hours in a sim. Once you have completed the course, you will have 60 months to complete the FAA ATPL conversion.

Many airlines will arrange and sponsor this as part of your onboarding, however, you can also complete this independently through a Flight School. We can introduce you to a flight school that charges approx. USD5200 for the course. Costs can vary, and some flight schools will provide a type of rating course alongside the CTP course.

FAA Written Exam

The Written exam contains 125 questions, and you must obtain 70% to pass. It is highly recommended that you study for this. One resource that has been recommended to us is the study materials from Sheppard Air <http://www.sheppardair.com/>.

FAA Check Ride

Once you have passed the Written Exam, you will need to complete an FAA ATP check ride. This can be completed at the same time as your Type rating check ride if you are completing a type rating course.

Obtain an FAA Class 1 Medical

This can be completed before you obtain an FAA ATPL and can be completed anywhere in the world.

A list of FAA approved Medical Examiners can be found here:

<https://designee.faa.gov/#/designeeLocator>