



Transportation Security Administration



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Flight Training Security Program

What you already know –

1. FTSP is authorized by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA) of 2001 to ***ensure non-U.S. citizens/nationals pursuing new pilot ratings or recurring flight training in an aircraft or simulator do not pose a threat to aviation or national security.***

2. Candidates are required to undergo a security threat assessment (STA) and receive a Determination of Eligibility before they may train.

3. Flight training providers operating in the United States must register with FTSP and must notify TSA when candidates request flight training. Providers also must comply with several other security- related requirements.



FTSP Final Rule Overview

In late 2004 and early 2005, TSA held six (6) meetings with industry representatives affected by the Interim Final Rule (IFR). During these meetings and from public comments on the IFR, TSA issued clarifications, interpretations, exemptions, and other guidance documents.

This Final Rule reflects TSA's review of these previously issued documents, statements, and determinations about making them permanent.

As a result of this review, any previous interpretations of the 49 CFR part 1552 published on or before July 30, 2024 are **replaced** by this Final Rule.

The Final Rule was published May 1, 2024, with an effective date of July 30, 2024.

FTSP Final Rule

Key Rule Changes





Key Changes for *Providers*

✈️ Three (3) Key **Changes** for providers:

1. **Changed FTSP processing and the duration of the candidate's STA.** Training event notifications are no longer linked to processing of candidate STAs. A candidate's Determination of Eligibility covers all flight training events for up to five (5) years.
2. **Added a Security Coordinator requirement.** FTSP will automatically designate your Provider Admin as the Security Coordinator for your business. For an individual CFI, TSA will automatically designate you as the Security Coordinator. Providers may designate another person than the automatically assigned individual.
3. **Recordkeeping.** Records may be maintained electronically or physically. Also, recordkeeping for lease agreements has been clarified. TSA intends to create a records repository for providers in the future. You will have the option to keep all or some of your records on the TSA repository when it becomes available.



Key Modifications for *Providers*

✈️ Additional Five (5) **Modifications** under the Final Rule:

1. **Codified the requirement that all providers register on the FTSP portal.** All providers, even those who train only U.S. citizens, must register an account on the FTSP portal and designate a security coordinator.
2. **Simplified how training events are identified as covered.** The updated regulation eliminates any considerations of aircraft weight and the four training categories. There are no changes as to what training events are covered.
3. **Clarifies FTSP portal usage requirements.** All flight training providers must register on this portal and keep their FTSP portal account up to date, even if they train only U.S. citizens and do not train candidates. All interactions with TSA occur through the portal.



Key Modifications for Providers

4. **Changed the handling and notification of candidate training events.**

A candidate can train as much and as often as they like during the period of their Determination of Eligibility. They must select providers through the portal and can only do that if they are granted a Determination of Eligibility. If you are selected, work directly with the candidate to set up and manage their training events. You must notify TSA about all candidate scheduled events and update your account as to whether those events were completed, not completed, or abandoned. TSA does NOT approve training events.

5. **Reduced the frequency of security awareness training.** Initial security awareness training for provider employees still must be completed within 60 days of hire, **but refresher security awareness training is now required just once every two (2) years.**



Key Changes for *Candidates*

 **The primary changes from publication of the 2024 update (final rule) are that candidates:**

- ✓ Pay one (1) consolidated fee for their STA.
- ✓ Receive a five (5) year Determination of Eligibility, which covers multiple training events and multiple flight training providers for the duration of that Determination.
- ✓ Choose their providers through the FTSP portal.
- ✓ Do not notify TSA about training event details – this is done by providers.



Final Rule: What's Not Changing

*The update to the regulation **does not** change the following requirements:*

- ✓ You must **verify the identity** of both U.S. citizens and candidates when they arrive for training.
- ✓ You must **upload a candidate's photo** within five (5) business days of the start of a training event.
- ✓ You must **retain records** that show compliance with this regulation.
- ✓ You must **allow TSA and FAA inspection** of your records.



What *should* Providers Know?

- ✈ After July 30, 2024, providers will retain the ability to manage the training requests submitted prior to July 17, 2024.
- ✈ When a candidate selects a provider for training, they acknowledge their information will be shared with providers, in accordance with privacy laws.
- ✈ Only candidates that have been issued a Determination of Eligibility from TSA will be displayed in the provider portal.
- ✈ Training Eligibility
 - Candidates with a green check mark are eligible to create training events.
 - Candidates with a red check mark are unable to create training events.
 - “Hovering” over the red “X” symbol will display the reason for ineligibility.



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Please note: Email is the most efficient way to send inquiries to the Compliance Office at HQ.
Email also provides written documentation of your correspondence with TSA.

Please contact FTSP.Help@tsa.dhs.gov for assistance
TSA responds to most messages within five (5) business days.
Note: Emails are answered on a first come, first served basis. Re-sending an email may delay TSA's response.

Aviation Worker Screening (AWS)



The court found the TSA failed to provide the public notice or allow for public comment. Basically – TSA does not have the statutory authority to subvert APA requirements.

The court pointed to the potential for security risks in absence of the rule as justification for its exception to stay the mandate.

What now: TSA will need to decide whether to pursue rulemaking, identify an alternative solution, or scrap AWS altogether.

Aviation Worker Screening (AWS)



- **Rulemaking:** tough due to current admin opposing further regulation and requires appealing 10 regulations for every new one – exemption will need to be required
- Consider its administrative ability to manage a rulemaking process & do costs and burden of rulemaking outweigh the benefit of the AWS rule
- APA processes require Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review – to deem rule significant – additional steps

Aviation Worker Screening (AWS) Cont.



- TSA may alternatively consider AWS as an interpretive rule. Airports will not be required to implement AWS but TSA will be on record supporting the measures.

An airport that chooses not to implement AWS in this scenario may face challenges if an incident occurs at their airport.

- Requirement for acquiring and deploying explosive-detection equipment is still in effect

Aviation Worker Screening (AWS)



Firearms: 584

Sharp Objects: 136

Explosives: 12

Incendiaries: 8

Ammunition: 17

Disabling Chemicals: 11

Real-ID

- State of Mississippi : 98% prior to deadline
- Partnership and Aggressive Airport Media Campaigns
- May 2026 – deadline for full compliance

FOOT Policy & LGA's

- Ended mandatory requirement
- Enhanced technology and multi-layered approach





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