



Steps to get PPL Validation from FAA

1) *Apply for Foreign License Verification (with FAA on IACRA NOT SACAA)*

All interaction with the FAA happen through IACRA: <https://iacra.faa.gov/IACRA/default.aspx>
Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application

- Just follow the instructions to newly register/create an account
- Make sure your browser's pop-up blockers are **DISABLED!**
- Once logged in/registered submit a new application for verification of a foreign license (follow the instructions to the letter and attach all your relevant documentation)
https://www.faaservices.net/uploads/1/3/5/9/135945758/faa_iacra_initial_register_and_verification_az.pdf
– make sure you choose the right FSDO (i.e. Scottsdale, Az (WP-07) if you travel there)
- **Make sure your SACAA license is still in the old 'booklet format' (the new card licenses are getting rejected by the FAA as they if they are not ICAO compliant – the later ones stating category and class i.e. ASEL etc. are acceptable)**
- **Card licenses only work if category and type are printed on them (see above)**
- **Include the file copy**
- **Make sure your SACAA license is still valid for three to six months to come (to match the duration of the validity of the verification letter you will receive and the trip to the US you are planning)**

Wait for 3 - 45 days – after three weeks, you can contact the person responsible for verifications in your local Civil Aviation Authority (@SACAA it used to be Amanda Haverkamp) and remind them to reply to the FAA.

Once the verification letter comes back:

2) *Apply for a PPL 'foreign based'*

- re-enter IACRA and start a new application for PPL 'foreign based'
- it will ask you for your total hours broken down in detail on a 8710 form
DO NOT FILL IN ANY HOURS – just save that page empty
- https://www.faaservices.net/uploads/1/3/5/9/135945758/faa_iacra_apply_ppl_foreign.pdf
- if you have use a US address to get your FAA license mailed to – it sometimes takes up to six months by SA Post Office
- **Make sure you EMAIL (no whatsapp!) your FTN and a PDF copy of the verification letter to instructor@yebo.co.za for processing and introduction to a FAA DFE**

3) *Zoom call with FAA Examiner*

- the FAA examiner will check
- email

As of March 20th 2024 the video call option is no longer possible!
https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Notice/N_8900.689.pdf
A visit to the FSDO or an in person appointment with a FAA DPE is required.



- the FAA will mail the plastic-card to you within three months
- **Note:** Both the temporary and permanent licenses are only valid if the pilot's logbook is endorsed by an FAA rated instructor after completion of a Flight Review as per the email you will receive:

4) **Complete a FAA Flight Review**

- Schedule time with: instructor@yebo.co.za
- Cost is 1 hour ground evaluation + 1 hour flight (bring own aircraft or H&F) + fee of \$235,- in USD cash
- - [click her for separate checklist/info for completion of flight review on FAAServices.net for further details -](#)

Please remember, you'll need to complete a flight review with an FAA instructor as per 14 CFR 61.56. It will be a minimum of 1 hour ground and 1 hour flight and you receive a logbook endorsement and flight training entry. The logbook entry should look like the sample below or its equivalent.

Completion of a flight review: § 61.56(a) and (c).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name], [grade of pilot certificate], [certificate number], has satisfactorily completed a flight review of § 61.56(a) on [date].