

Determining if your Unrestricted Medical Certificate Meets the 10-Year Look-Back Requirement

1. Determine certificate date of issuance.
2. Determine your age on date of issuance.
3. Determine validity: If you were under age 40 on the date of issuance and your medical certificate was issued after June 30, 2003, you are eligible; if you were age 40 or older on the date of issuance and your medical certificate was issued after June 30, 2004, you are eligible for BasicMed.

4.3.2 Medical Certificate Requirements. There are a few requirements in § 61.23(c)(3) that apply to the medical certificate the individual is using to meet BasicMed. The most recently issued medical certificate can have been a special issuance medical certificate and can be expired. However, it may not have been suspended or revoked, or in the case of a special issuance medical certificate, it may not have been withdrawn. Medical certificates can be suspended or revoked if the certificate holder does not meet the medical standards of part 67, or as the result of noncompliance with other regulatory requirements. The FAA may also suspend or revoke a medical certificate on the basis of a reexamination of that certificate under Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) § 44709.

4.3.2.1 If a person's last medical certificate was under suspension at any point in time, that medical certificate does not qualify for BasicMed. Further, if the pilot's medical certificate expired while under suspension, the pilot must apply for and be issued a new medical certificate to qualify for BasicMed. Under § 61.23(c)(3)(iv), the most recent application for an airman medical certificate submitted to the FAA by the individual cannot have been completed and denied. The FAA considers the application to be in process once the AME accesses the individual's application in FAA MedXPress. If the individual's application is completed and denied, the FAA considers the applicant to no longer hold a valid medical certificate, even if the applicant is appealing the denial. In this circumstance, the applicant is unable to use BasicMed.

4.3.2.2 If a person held a medical certificate that was valid after July 14, 2006, but subsequently applied for a new medical certificate, that pilot could not revert to the previous medical certificate that meets the 10-year look-back requirement if his or her application for a new medical certificate was completed and denied. That pilot would need to obtain a new medical certificate to qualify for BasicMed.

4.3.2.3 People exercising BasicMed do not need to maintain or provide documentation that proves their compliance with this medical certificate requirement.