



Light aircraft pilot's licence (LAPL) Medical certificate

A quick guide for Pilots

Before application you must

- be registered with a NHS GP and your records must be available
Please note: If you have recently registered with the GP you cannot apply until your records have been transferred from your previous GP. HM Forces may apply to their military GP.
- complete an application form and sign the declaration
- provide your GP with a UK CAA reference number if you have one
- for revalidation/renewal, show your GP your last LAPL medical certificate
- provide proof of identity (photograph ID e.g. driving licence or passport)
- provide details of how to access information about LAPL medical certificate issue for your GP
- pay any fees associated with the assessment

Before applying to your GP

Before applying to your GP you must decide whether or not your GP can issue you with a LAPL certificate.

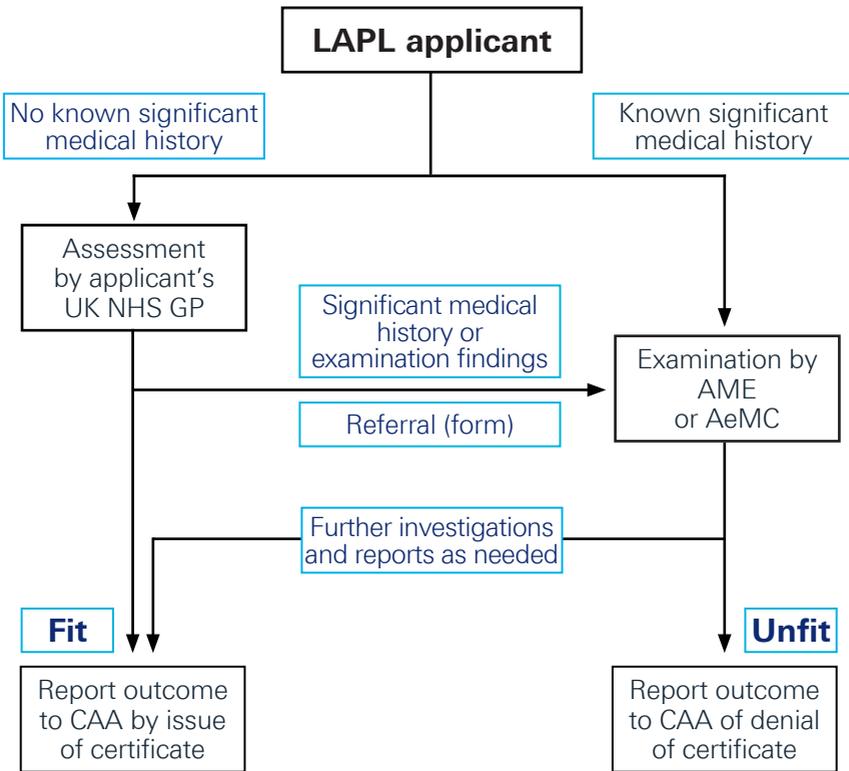
Please note: if you have previously held a CAA medical and have been made “Unfit” at any time, you must ensure that you attend an AME for your LAPL medical.

Your GP

1. Cannot perform the initial assessment if you have one or more of these pre-existing diagnoses that require additional assessment:
 - Decreased visual acuity in either eye below 6/9 despite any correction
 - Visual field defect
 - Need for hearing aid(s)
 - Angina/coronary artery disease
 - Cardiac arrhythmia, including AF
 - Cardiac valve replacement
 - Recurrent fainting
 - Implanted cardiac device
 - Heart failure
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Pneumothorax
 - Organ transplant
 - Cerebral disorder

- Epilepsy
- Sedative medication
- Antidepressant medication
- Psychotic disorder
- Alcohol/substance misuse
- Personality disorder
- Learning difficulties
- Malignant disease
- Diabetes requiring medication
- Endocrine disorder
- Sleep disorder
- Major surgery

2. Can perform revalidation/renewal assessments if you have previously been assessed and issued a LAPL medical certificate by an AME and your medical condition has remained unchanged since the issue of your last medical certificate.
3. Is not obliged to carry out an assessment for the issue of a LAPL medical certificate. If your GP opts not to assess you then you should contact a local AME for assessment. You may need to request copies of medical reports from your GP for this purpose. This may incur additional costs but will make the assessment by an AME more efficient. You will find contact details of AMEs at: www.caa.co.uk/medical



- 4. May refer you to an AME.
- 5. Cannot provide information on the LAPL licence privileges.

Enquire about the price of a LAPL examination/assessment. A GP can set their own fees for this service.

Applying to your GP

Always give your GP plenty of notice and provide them with the information on how to access CAA’s guidance:
www.caa.co.uk/medical

At the Assessment

Please note: take spectacles/contact lenses and spectacle prescription with you if you use them.

Your GP will check your proof of identity and go through the application form.

At your **initial assessment** or if you are **over 50** your GP will undertake an examination that includes:

- Pulse
- BP
- Urinalysis
- Visual acuity/fields
- Conversational hearing ability
- Colour vision (only if you are applying for a night rating)

Please note: You may wish to check whether your GP has the facility to perform a colour vision assessment prior to booking an appointment. If not, this can be undertaken by an optometrist in advance and the result given to your GP.

If you are under 50 and it is a **renewal** or **revalidation**, your GP will assess your medical records and will only undertake an examination if they consider it is clinically indicated.

Your GP will then decide if you are fit for LAPL medical certificate issue.

If fit, you will be given a LAPL medical certificate.

If your GP decides they cannot issue a LAPL medical certificate you will need to see an AME for assessment.

If you are unhappy with your GP's decision then you have a right of appeal. In the first instance you should seek advice from an AME: www.caa.co.uk/medical

Validity of your LAPL certificate

If you wish to continue exercising the privileges of your licence You are required to revalidate your medical certificate within 45 days of the expiry date.

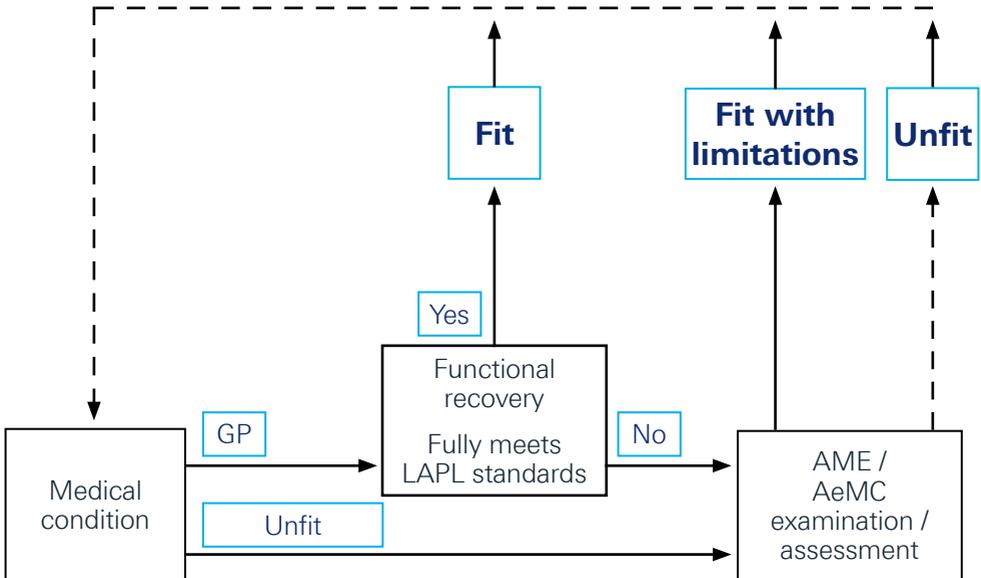
If you are under 40

Every 5 years (or until 42nd birthday if earlier)

If you are over 40

Every 2 years

Change of condition and/or treatment



Change in health status

If you experience a change in your health status you must cease flying immediately and seek the advice of the GP who issued your medical certificate or an AME.

Further information

www.caa.co.uk/medical