

INTRODUCTION TO THE WINGS PROGRAM

The FAA introduced the Wings Program in an effort to reduce the number of accidents in General Aviation, and is based on the concept that more proficient pilots are safer pilots. The BAA has in the past and will continue to promote Safety in General Aviation by hosting Wings Safety programs. We will schedule these programs, one per calendar quarter. For the pilots to make the most of this program, they should sign up on the FAA web site: www.faa.gov. Some of the advantages of participating include discounts on aircraft and extension of the Biannual Flight Review date. Please read the following for a quick synopsis of the program. If anyone has any questions, please let me know and I will try to answer them.

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WINGS PILOT PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Why Participate

- Completing targeted, consistent training will make you a safer pilot.
- Each time you complete a phase of WINGS, your Flight Review Date is extended for 24 calendar months from the month in which you completed the Phase. For example, if you complete a phase of WINGS on March 6, 2011, your Flight Review Date will be extended to March 31, 2013.
- Pilots may earn a Phase of WINGS using a seaplane and get a distinctive Sea WINGS pin for that accomplishment. Be sure to modify your Airman Profile to show you hold a seaplane rating. The system will check that you actually hold a Seaplane rating when you request the Sea WINGS pin.

The Basics

WINGS has 3 Levels: *Basic, Advanced and Master*. Within each Level, you can complete as many Phases as you wish. In addition, you can complete a Phase of WINGS as often as you would like. To complete each Phase, you must earn 6 credits consisting of 3 Knowledge credits (Courses, Seminars, or Activities) and 3 Flight credits. The primary focus of each activity determines what credit it qualifies for.

The *Basic* Level of WINGS is open to all pilots; this is the initial level of the WINGS Program. It is designed for those pilots wanting a recurrent training program that will provide them a higher level of proficiency than simply preparing for a normal Flight Review. Six credits are needed:

- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 1 - Aeronautical Decision Making
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 2 - Performance and Limitations (or Runway Safety)
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 3 - Preflight Planning, Risk Management, and Fuel Management (or other safety topics as shown in the Knowledge 3 syllabus)
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 1 - Takeoffs and Landings
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 2 - Positive Aircraft Control
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 3 - Basic Flying Skills

You are required to complete a Phase in the Basic Level of WINGS before you can earn a phase in the *Advanced* or *Master* levels.

For pilots desiring to demonstrate a higher level of proficiency, the WINGS Program offers two additional skill levels, Advanced and Master WINGS. In order to participate at the Advanced level, you must demonstrate proficiency one grade above the proficiency demonstrated at the initial WINGS Level. The Master Level is one standard higher than the Advanced Level.

- For example, a pilot who demonstrated Private Pilot skills for the Basic Level will be required to demonstrate skills meeting Commercial Pilot standards for the Advanced WINGS Level.
- Some activities may only be worth half a credit (.50), while more complex activities may be worth 2 or more credits. Some activities complete an entire Phase!

- The Knowledge 2 topic can be filled by either a Performance and Limitations activity or a Runway Safety activity, or both!
- The knowledge 3 topic can be filled by either a Preflight Planning, Risk Management, and Fuel Management topic or one of the Other topics listed.
- To complete a Phase, all required credits must be completed within 12 months. If a credit expires before you complete a phase, you must earn that credit again.
- When you're done with a Phase of WINGS, simply print your certificate and begin your next Phase. A new set of activities for your next Phase will be automatically loaded onto your WINGS checklist.

How to Sign up? – go to: WWW.FAASAFETY.GOV