

Your FastTrack Guide to FAA A&P;

How to Get Certified in Airframe & Powerplant + What Employers Want

This short guide will walk you through the key steps, requirements, and benefits of becoming an FAA-certified Airframe & Powerplant (A&P;) mechanic. Written in clear language, it gives you the essential answers you need before signing up.

1. What is FAA A&P; Certification?

A&P; stands for Airframe & Powerplant. With this certificate, you can legally inspect, maintain, and repair both aircraft structures (Airframe) and engines (Powerplant). The FAA issues the certificate after you pass knowledge tests and hands-on practical exams.

2. Why Become an A&P; Mechanic?

- High demand: mechanics are needed across airlines, private aviation, and repair stations.
- Good pay and stable career paths.
- Hands-on work with real aircraft, keeping aviation safe.

3. Steps to Get Certified

- Step 1 – Meet eligibility: be at least 18 years old, able to read/write English.
- Step 2 – Gain experience: 18 months for either Airframe or Powerplant; 30 months for both.
- Step 3 – Pass three written exams: General, Airframe, Powerplant.
- Step 4 – Pass the oral & practical exam with a Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME).
- Step 5 – Receive your certificate and start working!

4. Common Questions

- Do I need a degree? No. The FAA accepts documented work experience or approved training.
- How many exams are there? Three written tests, plus one oral and one practical.
- Where do I test? Written tests at FAA-authorized centers; oral & practical with a DME (available on-site with Matta Aviation).
- How long does prep take? Our crash course gets you test-ready in 10–12 days.

5. Why Choose Matta Aviation Services?

- Small class size (10 students max) for personalized attention.
- Crash course in 10–12 days covering all written, oral, and practical prep.
- Lodging available 3 minutes from school.
- Multiple DMEs available to test you quickly.
- Affordable package: \$4,300 in 2025 (all tests included), \$4,500 starting 2026.

Ready to take the next step? Enroll today with Matta Aviation Services and fast■track your FAA A&P; certification.