



Students not from the U.S. wishing to take flight training at Snohomish Flying Service are required by law to obtain a M-1 Student Visa and complete the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requirements.

To learn more about each process, please see the respective section below.

U.S. Student Visa

The process of obtaining an M-1 student visa is fairly simple. After you have filled out and met the requirements of our International Student Application, Snohomish Flying Service will provide you with the I-20 form via mail (such as FedEx) which will arrive at your permanent address provided to us in your application. Once you receive your I-20 form you must pay the I-901 SEVIS fee online at www.fmjfee.com. This fee maintains the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) used by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Call your local U.S. Embassy to make an appointment to apply for your M-1 Visa. This process could take several weeks, depending on demand. To prepare for your appointment, you must bring the following:

- Original I-20 form issued from Snohomish Flying Service.
- Valid Passport with expiration date of at least 6 months past your intended period of stay.
- Proof of payment for the I-901 SEVIS fee.
- Proof of financial certification and evidence of ties in your country.
- Please visit www.usembassy.gov or contact your local U.S. Embassy to ensure you have all the required documents.

U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Clearance Process

The TSA requires all non-U.S. citizen applicants for flight training to complete the Flight Training Security Program (FTSP) clearance process. To complete this process, you must:

- Go to fts.tsa.dhs.gov and click on "Register Options", then click "Candidate Portal."
- Create an account.
- Complete the required information and ensure it matches your passport information.
- After you have created an account and received your password, log in and create a training request.

1. If attending Snohomish Flying Service, Inc. for the Professional Pilot Program, the first course you will take is the course named "Initial". The Course ID will be PVT/Initial for Private Pilot Course. The aircraft used in this training will be "Cessna 152 Cessna 172". Please list both of these aircraft in the training request.
2. If you already have an FAA private license and are seeking an advanced rating, please use course name "Instrument" and course ID IFR for Instrument Rating. The aircraft used in this training will be a Cessna 172.
3. If you already have an FAA instrument license and are seeking a Multi- Engine rating, please use course name "MEL" and course ID MEL for Multi-engine. The aircraft used in this training will be a BE-76 Duchess.

Your school ID is your cell phone number without any dashes (-) included.

Please be sure you select "Snohomish Flying Service, Inc." from the dropdown menu, not the one that does not include "Inc."

Snohomish Flying Service students will register for Category 3 - Candidates who seek flight training in the operation of aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or less for the following training events:

- Initial airman's certificate, including a private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate.
- If a private and/or commercial license is the candidate's initial FAA license, it is considered an initial airman's certificate and is not exempt.
- Instrument Rating (IR)
- Multi-Engine Rating (MEL)

Each of these training events requires a separate training request.

Note: Category 3 Rotorcraft Requirements - Candidates who seek flight training in the operation of rotorcraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or less are subject to the above Category 3 clarification. Candidates must obtain approval for the initial license, instrument rating or multi-engine rating if the pilot does not hold a fixed-wing equivalent.

Once your application is accepted by the FTSP, you will be directed to pay the application fee. Your application and documents are then reviewed by FTSP. You may be contacted requesting further information or documents. Once your application has been satisfactorily reviewed, you will be sent instructions to have your fingerprints taken at an authorized site. We can help you with scheduling this appointment.

The time that this process takes varies, but applications are typically reviewed within 5 business days. Once you receive the fingerprint instructions, the approval often comes the same or next day.

If you have any questions, or to schedule your TSA application appointment, please email FSAdmissions@HarveyField.com or call 360-568-1541.