

Initial Cadre Check Airman (ICCA) Training Program

You must have initial cadre check airmen during the early phases of establishing a check airman program. **Your initial check airman candidates must first become fully qualified as flight crewmembers and then be trained, evaluated, and approved as check airmen.**

Before the FAA can evaluate an airman for approval as a check airman, all required training must be completed. The airman's training records must show satisfactory completion of initial, transition, or upgrade training and all training required under the operator's approved check airman training program for the specified classification. When the airman's records show that the airman has previously completed a required curriculum segment, the segment does not have to be repeated.

The process described in FAA Order 8900.1, [Volume 3, Chapter 20, Section 2](#) is valuable for your startup operation as a practical way to bootstrap a check airman program into existence. It describes:

- The letter of request you must submit to nominate candidates for check airman
- The FAA's process for granting temporary and permanent approval
- Requirements for Initial Training and Certification
- Requirements for gaining proficiency as instructors
- Proficiency and Competency Checks
- Required Operating Experience