

Private pilots and commercial pilots flying non-commercial flights should be allowed to medically self-certify themselves prior to flight. Medical certification from a flight surgeon is an cumbersome, time-consuming, expensive burden and should not be required. Neither should log books entries prior to a flight be required.

I am 38 years old and in good health. I have expended considerable time and effort to become a private pilot and have owned 4 different aircraft, including a Van's RV-4 that I built myself. I find it insulting to think that I can't be trusted to determine when I am fit to fly. I believe that anyone who has also expended similar time and effort to obtain their pilot's license has also earned the right to determine their own medical fitness for flying.

Requiring a doctor to certify a pilot's fitness for flight is absurd. Only the pilot can determine his fitness prior to a flight. Furthermore, since the pilot is ultimately responsible for his fitness and will be held accountable for any incidents resulting from any incapacitation, why is a doctor involved? Simply absurd!