

Module IV

FAA to DGCA License Conversion.

Convert Your US Credentials. Fly Commercially in India.

FAA → DGCA CPL · ATPL · PPL OCFC USA + INDIA ICAO COMPLIANT

Introduction

The FAA to DGCA License Conversion Program is designed for pilots holding foreign pilot licenses who intend to convert their qualifications into DGCA-compliant Indian pilot licenses. The program is offered through Orange County Flight Center in association with OCFC affiliated FTOs in India, and is conducted in full accordance with DGCA requirements and applicable ICAO standards.

This pathway supports pilots who completed aviation training abroad and now seek to:

Fly commercially in India under a DGCA-recognised licence	Apply for Indian airline opportunities with major domestic carriers
Obtain DGCA-recognised certifications for career advancement	Continue aviation careers within India's rapidly growing aviation industry

Program Overview

OFFERED THROUGH	Orange County Flight Center (OCFC), USA in association with OCFC affiliated FTOs in India
LOCATIONS	OCFC, USA + OCFC affiliated FTOs in India
REGULATORY AUTHORITY	DGCA (India) — in accordance with ICAO standards
LICENCES COVERED	CPL · ATPL · PPL · Instrument Rating · Flight Instructor Rating

Fee Options

INDIAN RUPEES ₹7,75,000	OR	US DOLLARS \$8,000 USD
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Requirements for Conversion (India DGCA)

Pilots seeking FAA to DGCA conversion generally must satisfy the following requirements:

MEDICAL & DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	DGCA EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS
· Valid Class I / Class II Medical Certification	· Air Regulations
· Valid foreign CPL / ATPL / PPL	· Air Navigation
· License verification documentation	· Aviation Meteorology
· English Language Proficiency (ELP)	· Technical General
· Verified logbooks	· Technical Specific
· Passport and visa history	· Radio Telephony (RTR)
· Proof of flight hours	
· Technical paper clearance documentation	

Requirements may vary depending on licence type, country of issuance, DGCA regulatory evaluation, and instrument rating status.

Key Considerations

Recency Requirements Applicants must demonstrate recent flying activity within the preceding six months in accordance with DGCA recency standards.	Instrument Rating Conversion Additional conversion requirements may apply to pilots wishing to retain Instrument Rating privileges during the DGCA conversion process.
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Types of Licences Eligible for Conversion

LICENCE TYPES	RECOGNISED ISSUING AUTHORITIES
✓ Commercial Pilot License (CPL)	✓ FAA (United States)
✓ Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL)	✓ EASA (Europe)
✓ Private Pilot License (PPL)	✓ CASA (Australia)
✓ Instrument Rating (IR)	✓ SACAA (South Africa)
✓ Flight Instructor Rating (FIR / AFIR)	✓ Transport Canada (Canada)

All authorities must be ICAO-compliant. Conversion is subject to DGCA approval and compliance requirements on a case-by-case basis.

Step-by-Step Conversion Process

01 Eligibility Assessment

Students begin by evaluating their eligibility for the conversion pathway.

- Foreign pilot licence validity
- Medical certification status
- DGCA eligibility
- Examination requirements

02 Indian Medical Certification

Applicants must obtain an Indian DGCA-approved Class I Medical Certificate from a DGCA-authorised Aviation Medical Examiner (AME).

03 Written Examinations

Students may be required to clear DGCA technical examinations depending on:

- Licence type
- Foreign authority
- Existing ratings
- Flight experience

04 Documentation Submission & Verification

Required documents are submitted for DGCA review including:

- Pilot licences and logbooks
- Medical certificates
- Identification documents
- Training records

05 Skill Assessment / Flying Checks

Students complete DGCA-required flying skill evaluations and conversion checks.

06 Issuance of Indian Licence

Upon successful completion of all conversion requirements, DGCA may issue:

- Indian Commercial Pilot License (CPL)
- Indian Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL)
- Indian Private Pilot License (PPL)

Common Issues Faced During Conversion

Applicants may experience delays due to the following. Proper documentation and organisation are critical throughout the conversion process.

Incomplete documentation · Expired medical certificates · Logbook inconsistencies · Incorrect application forms · Verification delays · Improper document formatting · Missing technical examination clearances

Career Opportunities after DGCA Conversion

India's aviation industry continues to expand rapidly, increasing demand for qualified aviation professionals. Following successful conversion, pilots may pursue:

Commercial Airline Operations	Domestic & International Carriers	Corporate Aviation
General Aviation	Flight Instruction	Charter Operations
Cargo & Logistics Aviation		

Single Engine Conversion Training Process

Students meeting DGCA recency requirements may undergo:	Students not meeting DGCA recency standards may require additional:
· Aircraft & Airfield Familiarization	· Night PIC Hours
· Ground Briefing Classes	· Simulated Instrument Flying
· SOP & Safety Procedures	· Additional Flying Checks
· Aviation Security Course (AVSEC)	· Additional Recency Flights
· Airport Entry Permit (AEP) Processing	· Extended Skill Assessment
· Student Pilot License (SPL) Procedures	
· General Flying Tests	
· Instrument Rating Tests	
· Day & Night Familiarization Flights	

Important Notes Regarding Conversion Flying

Flying hours required during conversion are dependent upon:

· Type of aircraft flown
· Pilot proficiency
· Recency requirements
· DGCA evaluation standards
· Demonstrated operational competency

Additional flight hours may be required on a case-by-case basis to satisfy DGCA standards and safety requirements.

FLC Requirements as per DGCA

Applicants may be required to provide:

PRIMARY DOCUMENTS	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
· Academic qualification records	· English Language Proficiency endorsement
· Physics & Mathematics verification	· Foreign Medical Certification
· DGCA Computer Number	· Foreign licence verification
· Indian Medical Certification	· Flight school approvals
· RTR License	· Logbook verification
· Passport documentation	· DGCA examination results
· Aadhaar Card	
· Foreign CPL / ATPL / PPL	

Flight Instructor & CFI Documentation Requirements

Documents signed by the Chief Flight Instructor (CFI) may include:

CFI CERTIFIED RECORDS	ADDITIONAL CFI DOCUMENTS
· Certified logbook records	· Accident / incident-free certificates
· Cross-country flight statements	· Currency documentation
· Instrument time statements	· Flight review records
· PIC hour verification	· Multi-engine flying statements
· Night flying verification	· Instrument approach reports

Eligibility & Prerequisites for Foreign CPL Conversion

Students may require:

· Valid ICAO-compliant foreign licence
· DGCA-compliant medical certification
· Physics & Mathematics qualifications
· DGCA technical examination clearance
· Foreign licence verification
· English proficiency
· Flight recency compliance

DGCA Medical Requirements

Applicants must satisfy DGCA medical requirements including:

· Valid Indian Class I Medical
· Foreign Medical Verification
· DGCA-approved examiner evaluation

Medical compliance is mandatory for conversion approval.

RTR (A) Requirement

Students converting foreign licences may also require a Radio Telephony Restricted (Aeronautical) License — RTR (A). Depending on the country of training and licensing authority, students may qualify for partial exemptions or be required to complete the full RTR (A) examination requirements in India.

Partial Exemption Students from certain countries or licensing authorities may qualify for partial exemptions from the full RTR (A) examination requirements in India.	Full RTR (A) Examination Students from non-exempt countries may be required to complete the full RTR (A) examination requirements in India before conversion is approved.
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Conversion Flying Requirements in India

Conversion flying conducted in India may include:

· General Flying Tests (GFT)
· Cross-country flying
· Instrument Rating Tests
· Night flying checks
· Day & night takeoffs and landings
· Skill tests
· Aircraft-specific familiarization

All conversion flying is conducted pursuant to DGCA regulations and approved training standards.

Logbook & DGCA Requirements

DGCA requires strict compliance regarding:

· Foreign logbook entries
· DGCA upload requirements
· Verification procedures
· CFI authentication
· Flight time accuracy
Mismatches between physical logbooks and DGCA records may result in application delays or rejection.

Airline Opportunities after Conversion

Following successful conversion and DGCA licensing, pilots may pursue:

Indian Airline Careers	Type Rating Programs	Commercial Aviation Operations
Corporate Flight Operations	International Aviation Opportunities	

Additional airline-specific training requirements may apply.

Assistance with FLC Programs

DGCA-approved flight training organizations may assist students with:

· FLC Training
· Examination Preparation
· Flying Checks
· Documentation Management
· License Conversion Procedures
· Regulatory Coordination