



The ABS Recognized Flight Instructor Program

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ABS members need to be able to find flight instructors who also have knowledge and special expertise for teaching in Beech piston airplanes. The ABS Recognized Flight Instructor program identifies flight instructors who meet high standards for experience teaching in Beech Bonanzas, Debonairs, Barons and/or Travel Airs, and who have completed type-specific training provided by the ABS Air Safety Foundation that increases their knowledge and provides techniques for effectively and safely teaching in ABS-type airplanes.

The FIND AN INSTRUCTOR function of the ABS website is populated with names and contact information of ABS Recognized Flight Instructors, and links to each Recognized Instructor's ABS member profile page where the instructor may post more information about the instructional services they provide. ABS members may search for a Recognized Instructor by name, geographically, or by instructional specialty as the instructor lists on their member profile.

Status as an ABS Recognized Flight Instructor is valid for two calendar years and expires on December 31st of the year containing the second anniversary of the date Recognition is awarded.

Disclaimer

The ABS Recognized Flight Instructor Program identifies Certificated Flight Instructors who have completed training on type-specific systems, operation, piloting techniques and safety protocols presented by the ABS Air Safety Foundation and who otherwise meet the objective standards of the Program. ABS, the ABS Air Safety Foundation, its directors, officers and employees make no warranty or guarantee that the Recognized instructor will incorporate that knowledge into the training that instructor conducts, or the content, techniques or quality of services the Recognized instructor provides. Inclusion on the FIND AN INSTRUCTOR list on www.bonanza.org signifies only that the individual has met the minimum standards of the ABS Recognized Flight Instructor program on the date recognition is earned. ABS and the ABS Air Safety Foundation make no warranty that the information a Recognized Instructor posts in his/her ABS website Member Profile is complete, correct and/or truthful except that instructor's status as a Recognized instructor. All services provided by an ABS Recognized Flight Instructor are a business transaction directly between the instructor and that instructor's customer, and in no way involves ABS, the ABS Air Safety Foundation, its directors, officers, or employees.

Requirements

To provide ABS members an informed choice about their selection of flight instructor for transition or recurrent training, standards are high for ABS Recognized Flight Instructors. These are the minimum requirements for recognition:

- A. Valid and current Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI) certificate with Instrument Instructor (CFII) rating, or international equivalents.
- B. Multiengine Instructor (MEI) rating, or international equivalent, for recognition teaching in Barons and/or Travel Airs.
- C. At least 500 hours dual instruction given in airplanes and/or FAA-approved flight training devices emulating high performance or FAA-defined Technically Advanced piston aircraft.
- D. At least 100 hours dual instruction given in any combination of Beech Bonanza, Debonair, Baron and/or Travel Air aircraft.
- E. At least 50 hours dual instruction given in any combination of Beech Baron and/or Travel Air aircraft, for recognition teaching in Barons and/or Travel Airs.
- F. At least 15 hours dual instruction given in any combination of Beech Bonanza, Debonair, Baron and/or Travel Air aircraft in the 24 months immediately preceding application for recognition.
- G. Completion of the ABS Flight Instructor Academy online course within the 24 months preceding application.

- H. Completion of at least one version of the Beechcraft Essential Systems and Techniques (BEST) online course within the 24 months preceding application.
- I. Three letters of recommendation from customers to whom the instructor has provided flight instruction in ABS-type airplanes.
- J. Current membership in the American Bonanza Society. Recognized instructors will be removed from the FIND AN INSTRUCTOR list if their ABS membership lapses.

Applying for Recognition

To become an ABS Recognized Flight Instructor, assemble your **complete** application package including **all** items below and send them **at one time** to bppp@bonanza.org with the subject line **ABS Recognized Flight Instructor application**:

1. Your completed ABS Recognized Flight Instructor application form from the ABS Recognized Flight Instructors page on the TRAINING menu at www.bonanza.org.
2. A scanned copy of your FAA Flight Instructor certificate (both sides, to show ratings). You may obscure your certificate number but ensure the expiration date is visible. If applying for recognition for flight instructor authority under a non-US regulatory agency, include copies of whatever indicates your authority to instruct aircraft and to provide instrument instruction, including validity dates, and in multiengine airplanes if seeking recognition in Barons and/or Travel Airs.
3. Documentation that you meet or exceed the minimum flight instructor experience requirements of each items C, D, E and F above. This documentation may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Scans of pilot logbook entries
 - b. Screen shots of electronic logbook pages
 - c. Spreadsheets or other tracking software clearly identifying your personal instructional experience.
4. A copy of your ABS Flight Instructor Academy (AFIA) course completion certificate, downloadable from your Member Profile or the Online Learning Center (OLC) at www.bonanza.org. Alternately, a screen shot of your OLC transcript showing this course completion. You must have completed the AFIA within 24 months of the date you send your application to ABS Air Safety Foundation.
5. A copy of your Beechcraft Essential Systems and Techniques (BEST) course completion certificate, downloadable from your Member Profile or the Online Learning Center (OLC) at www.bonanza.org. Alternately, a screen shot of your OLC transcript showing this course completion. You must have completed at least one version of the BEST within 24 months of the date you send your application to ABS Air Safety Foundation.
6. A letter of recommendation each from at least three current ABS members you have instructed and to whom provided an instructor endorsement (e.g., Flight Review, Instrument Proficiency Check, High Performance, Complex, or international equivalents) in any combination of Beech Bonanza, Debonair, Baron and/or Travel Air in the past two years. These letters should be addressed to the ABS Air Safety Foundation and the authors attest to:
 - a. Your talents and effectiveness as a flight instructor,
 - b. Your emphasis on flying safety and excellence, and
 - c. Your systems and operational knowledge of Beech Bonanzas, Debonairs, Barons and/or Travel Airs.

Earning Recognition

ABS Air Safety Foundation will review your complete application package and:

- A. Confirm you meet or exceed all minimum requirements. If you do not meet one or more of the requirements ABS will communicate this to you. If you are any missing items we will give you the opportunity to provide the required documentation.
- B. Once confirming you meet all requirements, ABS will send you a link to the ABS Recognized Flight Instructor Exam. This exam consists of 50 questions on Beech model-specific systems, ABS Air Safety Foundation suggested safety protocols and instructional techniques. It is open book and requires at least an 80% score to pass. You may take it multiple times as needed. Your resources include your notes from the AFIA and the BEST courses, referring back to those courses online, and *Pilot's Operating Handbooks* available on the ABS website, along with any other regulations and guidance from FAA, international regulators and manufacturers.
- C. After receiving confirmation you have passed the test, ABS will send you a letter for your signature stating you acknowledge the disclaimer on the first page of this document.
- D. Upon receipt of your signed acknowledgement, ABS will send you:
 - a. Instructions for updating your ABS website Member Profile to include your status as an ABS Recognized Flight Instructor. This adds your name and contact information, as well as a link to your Member Profile page, to the FIND AN INSTRUCTOR function for ABS members to locate Recognized flight instructors.
 - b. A certificate of Recognition including the effective date and the date of your Recognition expiration.

Renewing Recognition

There is a shorter Recognition renewal process requiring less documentation. ABS will communicate renewal instructions to Recognized instructors several months before their expiration date. Instructors who do not renew Recognition within three months of the expiration date must follow the initial application process to re-earn Recognition.

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