



Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission

STANDARDS AND FEE UPDATES

In keeping with their commitment to maintain clarity and relevancy of the public safety aviation standards, the Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission (PSAAC) recently met in Houston, TX to review and update the Aerial Firefighting Standards. This is part of an on-going annual requirement to review one of the segment standards each year. In the process, the Commission consolidated the standards related to Administration, Safety and Maintenance to be identical for all three segments, i.e., law enforcement, fire and search and rescue. Although some minor revisions were made to the Fire Standards in the area of operations and safety, all of the standards now reflect the same requirements for unit administration, safety and maintenance. Next year, the Commission will review the law enforcement aviation standards.

In addition to the review of Fire Standards, the Commission also conducted a comprehensive financial analysis related to fees charged for accreditation compared to the costs associated with conducting accreditation assessments. The report submitted to the Commission by an ad hoc committee reflected higher costs of accreditation for larger units and those requesting accreditation in multiple segments, while the cost of accrediting smaller units remained static. As a result, the Commission approved a new fee schedule for accreditation that lowers the cost of accreditation of smaller units (those with only one or two aircraft), while fees remained the same for units with four or fewer aircraft. The Commission did raise the fees by \$500 per category for units operating five or more aircraft and units operating from two or more permanent sites. Additionally, the Commission approved an additional fee of \$1,500.00 for each additional concurrent accreditation application in a separate segment. The new accreditation fees are reflected below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
A	1 Site 1 - 2 Aircraft.....	\$4,000.00
B	1 Site 3 - 4 Aircraft.....	\$5,000.00
C	1 Site 5 - 8 Aircraft.....	\$6,000.00
D	1 Site 9 or More Aircraft.....	\$7,000.00
E	2 Sites – Less than 9 Aircraft.....	\$8,000.00
F	2 Sites – 9 - 14 Aircraft.....	\$9,000.00
G	2 Sites – 15 Aircraft or More.....	\$10,000.00
H	More than 2 sites – Fee shall be the basic cost for accreditation for the applicable 2-site category plus an additional 15% per site visited, as agreed upon to cover costs of additional assessor services.	

All figures are in US Dollars. For international accreditation assessments outside of North America, there shall be a 15% surcharge, plus the actual cost of assessor travel.

Multiple Accreditations – The cost for multiple concurrent accreditations is \$1,500.00 for each additional accreditation segment.

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