

CATEGORY AND CLASS OF AIRMEN AND AIRCRAFT

AIRMEN CERTIFICATION

Classification of airmen certification is organized in the following groups: **Category, Class, & Type.**

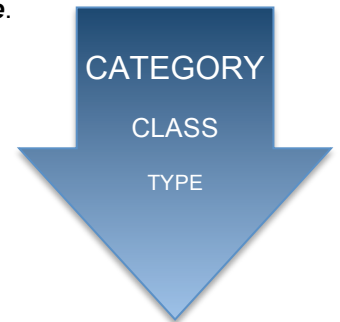
There are five **Categories** of airmen certification:

- 1) *Airplane*
 - 2) *Rotorcraft*
 - 3) *Glider*
 - 4) *Powered-Lift*
 - 5) *Lighter than Air*
- Airmen Categories are the broadest classifications of certification.

Each **Category** of airmen certification has its own set of **Classes**. For example, within the *Airplane Category*, there are four classes:

- 1) *Single-Engine Land*,
- 2) *Single-Engine Sea*,
- 3) *Multi-Engine Land*,
- 4) *Multi-Engine Sea*

Each **Class** within a **Category** contains countless **Types**. Types are simply the make-and-model of the flying machine.



CATEGORY	AIRPLANE	ROTCRAFT	GLIDER	POWERED-LIFT	LIGHTER THAN AIR
CLASS	Single-Engine Land Single-Engine Sea Multi-Engine Land Multi-Engine Sea	Gyroplane Helicopter	N/A	N/A	Airship Balloon
TYPE	Cessna 172 Boeing 747 Pilatus PC12 etc.	Robinson R44 Sikorsky HH-60 Bell Jet Ranger etc.			

AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION

Classification and organization of Aircraft is different than the above airmen description. Similar to airmen, aircraft have both Categories and Classes, however Classes are NOT a subsection of Categories.

Aircraft **Categories** refer to the certification process and relate to the intended use of the aircraft. Categories include:

- Normal
- Utility
- Transport,
- Acrobatic
- Restricted
- Experimental



Aircraft **Classes** include the following five:

- 1) *Airplane*
- 2) *Rotorcraft*
- 3) *Glider*
- 4) *Powered-Lift*
- 5) *Lighter than Air*

***NOTICE: These are the same as the Categories for Airmen**

SUMMARY CHART OF AIRMEN VS. AIRCRAFT AND CATEGORY VS. CLASS

AIRMEN	AIRCRAFT
Airplane Rotorcraft Glider Powered-Lift Lighter than Air	C A T E G O R Y Normal Utility Transport Acrobatic Restricted Experimental
Single-Engine Land Single-Engine Sea Multi-Engine Land Multi-Engine Sea	C L A S S Airplane Rotorcraft Glider Powered-Lift Lighter than Air