

MINIMUM COMPETENCE – DAPA-A

(Drug & Alcohol Program Administrator – Aviation)

A minimally competent Drug & Alcohol Program Administrator specializing in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), US Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations (DAPA-A):

- Possesses a working knowledge of laws and regulations applicable to FAA safety-sensitive employees, at the federal, state, and local level, relating to the testing for the use of illegal and unauthorized substances and for the misuse of alcohol
- Has an in-depth knowledge of DOT procedural regulations relating to drug and alcohol testing (49 CFR Part 40)
- Has an in-depth knowledge of FAA regulations relating to drug and alcohol testing (49 CFR Parts 121, Appendix I and J)
- Knows and understands the DOT training requirements for each service agent involved in FAA-regulated alcohol and controlled substances testing programs
- Knows and understands the DOT urine specimen collection process, including regulations and standards of practice, “fatal flaws,” and documentation (forms)
- Has a working knowledge of laboratory procedure, processes, and protocol
- Knows and understands the roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the Medical Review Officer (MRO)
- Knows and understands the roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP)
- Understands the processes and the regulations related to recordkeeping for FAA regulated drug and alcohol programs
- Has a general knowledge of non-DOT laws and regulations and how to locate current state and local laws and regulations for non-DOT programs
- Knows and follows generally accepted standards of practice relating to the testing of alcohol and controlled substances
- Knows, understands, and follows ethical standards of practice