

Summary of Changes
WINGS – Pilot Proficiency Program
(Planned for Release in early 2010)

Before the Change	After the Change
Access to the automated WINGS Program is confusing	An entirely new intuitive and user-friendly interface has been implemented
The three levels of WINGS are: WINGS Basic Phase, WINGS Advanced Phase, and WINGS Master Phase	The three levels of WINGS are: WINGS , Advanced WINGS , and Master WINGS
Each Phase can be earned only once every 12 months	Users can earn multiple Phases in each Level, such as WINGS Phase I, WINGS Phase II, etc.
Individual tasks expire exactly 365 days after the completion date	Individual tasks expire on the last day of the month, 12 months after the completion date
A Phase of WINGS expires as soon as any task expires	A Phase of WINGS is valid for 12 months after the completion of that Phase; a Phase of WINGS must be current to be awarded another Phase of WINGS
Tasks to be completed for a Phase of WINGS are found by clicking on a link and searching the database; possible choices are dependent on entries made in the Airman Profile	Tasks to be completed for a Phase of WINGS are dependent on entries made in the Airman Profile and immediately displayed to the pilot in a convenient checklist; users may choose to search for alternative tasks using an improved Activity search feature
All six tasks must be earned within a 12-month period to qualify for a Phase of WINGS	No Change
Instructors must be registered on FAASafety.gov to give credit for a completed task	Any instructor can give credit for completed WINGS tasks; instructors do <u>not</u> need be registered on FAASafety.gov to give credit. More like a logbook experience
Instructors are treated like any other user	Instructors have their own "Portal" to instructor-oriented material, including giving credit
The WINGS Completion certificate does not indicate the date the Phase was earned	The WINGS Completion certificate displays the date that Phase of WINGS was earned; it also displays the date the very first Phase of WINGS was earned
Web site pages contain numerous confusing icons	Confusing icons are replaced with clear text
Individual flight tasks necessary for completion of a Phase of WINGS can be printed	All six tasks necessary for completion of a Phase of WINGS are summarized and can be printed in a single document for easy reference; includes space for validation of completion of each task
Elective credits can move between Phases of WINGS and will always fill the lowest Phase first	WINGS credits will remain at the Level at which they were earned
As many as four clicks are required to enroll in an online course	Enrollment in an online course requires only a single click
Confusing terminology, Core and Elective, for example, is used to describe tasks	No confusing terminology is used to describe tasks; a task is a task! All terminology has been simplified
A summary of WINGS credits is located in a 3-part grid, which is sometimes hidden	A summary of WINGS credits is located in a single location that is always available
Some Flight Review information is printed on the WINGS completion certificate in small print	A complete summary of Flight Review information is printed on a separate wallet-sized certificate
There are obsolete instructions in the Aviation Safety Inspector's Handbook concerning renewal of flight instructor certificates based on WINGS participation	There are updated instructions in the Aviation Safety Inspector's Handbook concerning renewal of flight instructor certificates based on WINGS participation (Pending FAA publishing)
Users without access to a computer are not accommodated in the automated WINGS Program	Users without access to a computer are accommodated in the WINGS Program; user accounts are created and credits are validated by validators with a computer
Available seating advertised at a SPANS event (WINGS Safety Seminar) was limited to 85% of available seating to allow for walk in attendance	Revised to advertise all available seats with no limitations (unless the FPM or FAASafety Representative prefers to limit advertised seating for walk ins)