SkyDynamics

Regulation (EU) 2026/781: readiness checklist

The FSTD Capability Signature transition for operators of flight simulation training devices

Four dates

30 April 2026	**In force.** Regulation (EU) 2026/781 enters into force, with CS-FSTD Issue 1 and the related AMC and GM (ED Decision 2026/006/R).
30 April 2028	**The Regulation applies.** New qualifications are issued with a Capability Signature, and the task-to-tool method applies to type-rating and operator recurrent training.
30 April 2029	**Equipment Specification List.** An Equipment Specification List has been submitted for every device except BITDs.
30 October 2029	**Certificates reissued.** Competent authorities have reissued every FSTD qualification certificate in the new template.

Six steps, per device

	Step	Owner	Target date
☐	**Inventory.** List every device, its current qualification, its configuration and its planned life.		
☐	**Feature gap.** Describe each device feature by feature and note where the evidence is thin.		
☐	**Data and QTG review.** Check which validation data supports which fidelity level: data caps the level you can claim.		
☐	**Draft the signature and ESL.** Produce a draft signature and the Equipment Specification List for each device.		
☐	**Authority dialogue.** Agree the route per device with your authority: stay legacy, assigned or evaluated.		
☐	**Reissue and maintain.** Complete the certificate reissue and keep the signature current as the device changes.		

If the device is a legacy FNPT II or FTD

It can keep its type and level. Adopting a Capability Signature is not forced on legacy devices. An existing device can keep its type and level, or opt in to an assigned or evaluated signature.

Two obligations still apply. An Equipment Specification List by 30 April 2029, and the qualification certificate reissued by 30 October 2029.

A summary for planning. The dates are those of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/781 and ED Decision 2026/006/R. The Regulation, the acceptable means of compliance and your competent authority are the reference for any decision. Reviewed October 2026. Source page: https://skydynamics.aero/fstd-regulation-2026-781