Please note the following information:

14 CFR Part 61 – Certification: Pilots, Flight Instructors, and Ground Instructors

Subpart G – Airline Transport Pilots

§ 61.153 - Eligibility requirements: General

To be eligible for an airline transport pilot certificate, a person must:

(a) Be at least 23 years of age;

(b) Be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language. If the applicant is unable to meet one of these requirements due to medical reasons, then the Administrator may place such operating limitations on that applicant's pilot certificate as are necessary for the safe operation of the aircraft;

(c) Be of good moral character;

(d) Meet at least one of the following requirements:

    (1) Holds a commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating issued under this part;

    (2) Meet the military experience requirements under § 61.73 of this part to qualify for a commercial pilot certificate, and an instrument rating if the person is a rated military pilot or former rated military pilot of an Armed Force of the United States; or

    (3) Holds either a foreign airline transport pilot license with instrument privileges, or a foreign commercial pilot license with an instrument rating, that—

        (i) Was issued by a contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation; and

        (ii) Contains no geographical limitations.

As is stated in (d) above you must meet at least one of the three requirements. If you do not hold an FAA commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating of (1) above, nor meet military pilot experience of (2) above, then you must meet the requirements of (3) above, which is to hold either a foreign airline transport pilot license with instrument privileges, or a foreign commercial pilot license with an instrument rating. **That license must be validated by the FAA though the foreign verification process** as noted:

    The Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760, must have the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) verify the validity and currency of the foreign license and medical certificate or endorsement **before a candidate applies** for an FAA certificate or authorization. The processing of the Verification of Authenticity of Foreign License, Rating, and Medical Certification form takes approximately 45 to 90 days to complete.

NOTE: Do not schedule any travel and/or checkrides, etc until a valid Verification Letter has been obtained from AFS-760. (You cannot just show up with a log book and an ATP written and get an FAA ATP airman certificate)

Further, you must be eligible to enroll in an FAA training course at this time as required by:

CAE Part 142 Operations Manual –
5.0 Client Training;
5.1 Prerequisites: Minimum prerequisites are defined below; more specific aircraft course prerequisites will be defined in the appropriate annex if applicable;
5.1.1 ATP: To complete all of the training and testing for an ATP certificate in a Level C or D flight simulator, the client must meet the following:

    (a) Eligibility requirements of 14 CFR Section 61.153
    (b) Aeronautical knowledge of 14 CFR Section 61.155
    (c) Aeronautical experience of 14 CFR Section 61.159