

Private Pilot Certificate Checklist

To Get Started

- at least 16 years of age to obtain a Student Pilot Certificate
- At least 17 years of age to obtain Private Pilot Certificate
- Proficient at English

Dual Training Requirements

- 20 hours minimum of flight training with an instructor on the Private Pilot areas of operation including:
 - 3 hours of cross country flight training in a single engine airplane;
 - 3 hours of night flight training in a single engine airplane, that includes at least:
 - 1 cross country flight of over 100 nm total distance; and
 - 10 T/O's and 10 landings to a full stop with each involving a flight in the traffic pattern at an airport.
 - 3 hours of flight training in a single-engine airplane on the control and maneuvering of an airplane solely by reference to instruments, including straight and level flight, constant airspeed climbs and descents, turns to a heading, recovery from unusual flight attitudes, radio communications, and the use of navigation systems/facilities and radar services appropriate to instrument flight.

Areas of Operation	Taught	Practiced	Proficient
Preflight Preparation			
Preflight Procedures			
Airport and Seaplane based operations			
Takeoffs, Landings, and go-arounds			
Performance maneuvers			
Navigation			
Slow flight and stalls			
Basic instrument maneuvers			
Emergency operations			
Night Operations			
Postflight Procedures			

Skills	Taught	Practiced	Proficient
Regular T/O & Landing			
Soft Field T/O & Landing			
Short Field T/O & Landing			
Forward Slip to Landing			
Go Arounds			
Steep Turns			
Ground Reference Maneuvers			
Straight and Level Flight			
Climbs and Descents			
Radio Communications			

Before You Solo - Locally | Cross Country

Solo Locally

- Medical endorsement from a FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner | Minimum 3rd Class
- Student Pilot Certificate
- Pre Solo Test Complete
- Local solo flight endorsements
 - Presolo aeronautical Knowledge | 61.87(b)
 - Presolo flight training | 61.87(c)
 - Solo flight - Good for 90 days | 61.87 (p)(v)
 - Other endorsements may be required for solo flights into other airports or airspace. Verify with your CFI prior to your solo.

Solo Cross Country

- Cross country solo flight endorsements
 - Initial solo cross country flight | 61.93(c)(2)(i)
 - Solo cross country flight - With Location | 61.93(c)(2)(ii)

Solo Training Requirements

- 10 hours minimum of solo flying in a single engine airplane on the Private Pilot areas of operation including:
 - 5 hours of solo cross country flying;
 - 1 solo cross country flight of at least 150nm total distance with full stop landings at 3 points and one segment of at least 50nm between T/O and landings; and
 - 3 T/O's and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower, each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern.

Before Your Checkride

- 3 hours of flight training in a single engine airplane within 2 calendar months prior to the practical test.
- 40 total flight time - At Least
- Ground school complete
- Written Test Endorsement
 - Private pilot aeronautical knowledge test Training | 61.105
- Written Test Complete
- Schedule Checkride Date: _____
- Checkride Endorsements
 - Completion of prerequisite for practical test | 61.39(a)(6)
 - Private pilot practical test | 61.103(f), 61.107(b), 61.109
 - Other endorsements may be required - Verify with your CFI prior to your checkride

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Checkride

- Checkride Complete | Congratulations! You're a Pilot
 - Other endorsements may be required for a discontinuance or a notice of disapproval