

Private Pilot Checkpoints

Requirements (61.109)	Progress/Plan	Complete
40 hours flight time		
20 hours flight training		
10 hours solo flight		
1. 5 hours of solo cross-country time		
2. One solo cross-country flight of at least 150 nm (280 km) total distance, with full-stop landings at a minimum of three points and with one segment of the flight consisting of a straight-line distance of at least 50 nm (93 km) between the takeoff and landing locations	____ → ____ → ____ → ____ Total Distance: _____ Long Leg Distance: _____	
3. Three solo takeoffs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower	Airport: _____	
4. 5 additional hours of solo time	5	
Night requirements		
1. 3 hours of night flight training		
2. 10 takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport		
3. 1 cross country flight of 100 nm total distance	____ → ____	
Other requirements		
3 hours of flight training on the control and maneuvering solely by reference to instruments		
3 hours of flight training for cross country flights	____ → ____	
3 hours of flight training with an authorized instructor in preparation for the practical test, which must have been performed within the preceding 2 calendar months from the month of the test		

Basic Overview

Walking In Off the Street

- Proof of Citizenship **Endorsement A.14**: Valid Passport/Birth Certificate (retain 5 years)
- IACRA Form FAA 8710-1 - Airman Certificate And/or Rating Application
 - Instructor will process this
- Recommend Obtaining Medical (medxpress.faa.gov)

Basics

- Flight Maneuvers
- Checklists
- Setting up for maneuvers

Maneuvers

- Slow Flight
- Stalls
- Steep Turns
- Emergencies
- Ground Reference Maneuvers

Takeoffs and Landings

- Takeoffs (normal, soft, short)
- Landings (normal, soft, short)
- Crosswind
- Aeronautical knowledge test (home study) **Endorsement A.82**: §§ 61.35(a)(1).
- Aeronautical knowledge test (ground) **Endorsement A.32**: 61.35(a)(1), 61.103(d), and 61.105.

First Solo [3 ENDORSEMENTS]

- Pre-Solo Knowledge **Endorsement A.3**: Pre-solo aeronautical knowledge: § 61.87(b)
- Pre-solo flight training **Endorsement A.4**: § 61.87(c)(1) and (2)
- Solo flight **Endorsement A.6** (first 90 calendar-day period): § 61.87(n)
- 3 takeoffs and landings (full stop taxi back)

Cross Countries

- Cross country planning
- Navigation
- Lost Procedures
- Instrument Flight

Solo Cross Countries [2 ENDORSEMENTS]

- Solo cross-country flight training **Endorsement A.9**: § 61.93(c)(1) and (2)
- Solo cross-country flight **Endorsement A.10**: § 61.93(c)(3).
- Solo Cross Country
- Long Solo Cross Country

Test Preparation [3 ENDORSEMENTS]

- Review of flight maneuvers
- Review of takeoffs and landings
- Review of cross-country planning
- Flight proficiency/practical test:
 - Prerequisite for Practical **Endorsement A.1**: Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, §§ 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii)
 - Review of Deficiencies **Endorsement A.2**: §§ 61.39(a)(6)(iii)
 - Flight Proficiency **Endorsement A.33**: §§ 61.103(f), 61.107(b), and 61.109

PRIVATE ENDORSEMENTS

Citizenship (A.14)

Endorsement of U.S. citizenship recommended by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA): Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) § 1552.3(h). The flight instructor must keep a copy of the documents used to provide proof of citizenship for 5 years or make the following endorsement in the student's logbook and the instructor's logbook or other record used to record flight student endorsements with the following:

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has presented me a [type of document presented, such as a U.S. birth certificate or U.S. passport, and the relevant control or sequential number on the document, if any] establishing that [he or she] is a U.S. citizen or national in accordance with 49 CFR § 1552.3(h).

Pre-Solo (3)

1. **A.3:** Pre-solo aeronautical knowledge: § 61.87(b).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has satisfactorily completed the pre-solo knowledge test of § 61.87(b) for the [make and model] aircraft.

2. **A.4:** Pre-solo flight training: § 61.87(c)(1) and (2).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received and logged pre-solo flight training for the maneuvers and procedures that are appropriate to the [make and model] aircraft. I have determined [he or she] has demonstrated satisfactory proficiency and safety on the maneuvers and procedures required by § 61.87 in this or similar make and model of aircraft to be flown.

3. **A.6:** Solo flight (first 90 calendar-day period): § 61.87(n).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required training to qualify for solo flying. I have determined [he or she] meets the applicable requirements of § 61.87(n) and is proficient to make solo flights in [make and model]. A.7 Solo flight (each additional 90 calendar-day period): § 61.87(p). I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required training to qualify for solo flying. I have determined that [he or she] meets the applicable requirements of § 61.87(p) and is proficient to make solo flights in [make and model].

*Solo at night (**A.5**), each 90 days (**A.7**), and airports to 25 NM (**A.8**) are separate.

Solo Cross-Country (2)

1. **A.9:** Solo cross-country flight training: § 61.93(c)(1) and (2).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required solo cross-country training. I find [he or she] has met the applicable requirements of § 61.93, and is proficient to make solo cross-country flights in a [make and model] aircraft, [aircraft category].

2. **A.10:** Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c)(3).

I have reviewed the cross-country planning of [First name, MI, Last name]. I find the planning and preparation to be correct to make the solo flight from [origination airport] to [destination airport] via [route of flight] with landings at [names of the airports] in a [make and model] aircraft on [date]. [List any applicable conditions or limitations.]

- **A.12:** Solo flight in Class B airspace: § 61.95(a).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required training of § 61.95(a). I have determined [he or she] is proficient to conduct solo flights in [name of Class B] airspace. [List any applicable conditions or limitations.]

* Repeated flights within 50 NM (**A.11**) and landing at Class B (**A.13**) are separate.

Knowledge Test (1)

Ground (**A.32**): Aeronautical knowledge test: §§ 61.35(a)(1), 61.103(d), and 61.105.

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required training in accordance with § 61.105. I have determined [he or she] is prepared for the [name of] knowledge test.

Home Study (**A.82**): Aeronautical knowledge test: §§ 61.35(a)(1).

I certify I have reviewed the home study curriculum of [First name, MI, Last name]. I have determined that [he or she] is prepared for the [name of] knowledge test.

Private Pilot Checkride Endorsement (3)

1. Prerequisites for practical test (**A.1**): Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, §§61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received and logged training time within 2 calendar-months preceding the month of application in preparation for the practical test and [he or she] is prepared for the required practical test for the issuance of [applicable] certificate.

2. Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test (**A.2**): §§ 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of the subject areas in which [he or she] was deficient on the [applicable] airman knowledge test.

3. Flight proficiency/practical test (**A.33**): §§ 61.103(f), 61.107(b), and 61.109. The endorsement for a practical test is required in addition to the § 61.39 endorsements provided in paragraphs A.1 and A.2.

I certify that [First name, MI, Last name] has received the required training in accordance with §§ 61.107 and 61.109. I have determined [he or she] is prepared for the [name of] practical test.