



Flight Instructor Checklist

For Part 61 Flight Instructor ASE Initial candidates. NOT for CFI-S candidates.

Prerequisites

- Valid commercial pilot w/ instrument rating or ATP certificate and medical certificate
- At least 18 years old
- Read, speak, write, and understand English
- 70% or better score on Flight Instructor Airplane (FIA) knowledge test
- 70% or better score on Fundamentals of Instructing (FOI) knowledge test or already possess a ground instructor or flight instructor certificate or hold a teaching certificate for 7th grade or above

Minimum Aeronautical Experience

- At least 15 hours PIC** in the category and class of aircraft appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought.
- Practical test prep flights within the preceding 2 calendar months** with an authorized CFI (per §61.31(a)6)
- Spin Training** (required for endorsement below)

Endorsements Required for the Checkride

These endorsements are specifically required for the checkride.

- Practical Test Endorsement** – Certifies you're ready for the checkride.
- Recent Training Endorsement** – Certifies you have had training in the last 2 months. (See above)
- Knowledge Test Deficient Areas Endorsement** – Certifies your instructor has gone back over, and trained you on knowledge test questions you missed.
- Fundamentals of Instructing Endorsement** – Certifies your CFI found you proficient in FOI material
- CFI Spin Endorsement** – Certifies instructional proficiency in spins as well as experience with them (more details in §61.183)

Plus, you should *already* have these endorsements in your logbook:

- Knowledge Test Endorsement or Review of Home Study Curriculum** (§61.183)

Note: You needed this endorsement before taking the knowledge test.