



Private Pilot Checklist

Part 61 student pilot to Private Pilot ASEL only.

Prerequisites

- Valid student pilot certificate and third-class medical (or greater)
- At least 17 years old
- Read, speak, write, and understand English
- 70% or better score on private pilot knowledge test

Minimum Aeronautical Experience

- 40 hours of flight time**, including at least
 - 20 hours of training time** (this means dual instruction)
 - 3 hours of cross-country** flight training
 - 3 hours night** flight training
 - 1 night XC training flight** greater than 100nm
 - 10 takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop** at an airport
 - 3 hours of simulated instrument time**
 - 3 hours of practical test prep flights within the preceding 2 calendar months** with a CFI
 - 10 hours of solo flight time**
 - 5 hours of solo cross country time**
 - One solo cross-country flight of 150nm** total distance, with full-stop landings at three points, and one segment of the flight w/ straight-line distance of at least 50nm between takeoff and landing locations.
 - 3 takeoffs and landings to a full stop** (each with a flight in the pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower.

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 the 3 hours of dual 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.

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

- Knowledge Test Endorsement or Review of Home Study Curriculum (§61.103)**

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

- U.S. Citizenship/Alien Endorsement** – Certifies U.S. citizenship w/ appropriate document number OR follows TSA Alien Flight Training rules for foreign national.
- Pre-Solo Aeronautical Knowledge Test Endorsement** – Certifies successful completion of pre-solo written test per 61.87.
- Pre-Solo Flight Training Endorsement** – Your initial solo endorsement for a make & model.
- Initial and Subsequent Solo 90-Day Currency Endorsements** – Your solo currency must be up-to-date for the checkride
- Initial Solo Cross Country Endorsement** – This certifies your approval to make cross country flights in a make & model.
- Solo Cross Country Endorsements** – This certifies that your CFI checked your pre-flight planning before your solo cross country flight(s).

And, finally...

- Any Student Pilot Specific Endorsements Necessary for the Checkride** – i.e. a class B or XC endorsement if the checkride will be conducted at an airport requiring one.