§ 61.103 Eligibility requirements: General.

To be eligible for a private pilot certificate, a person must:

☐ (a) Be at least 17 years of age for a rating in other than a glider or balloon.

☐ (c) 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.

(d) Receive a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who:

☐ (1) Conducted the training or reviewed the person's home study on the aeronautical knowledge areas listed in § 61.105(b) of this part that apply to the aircraft rating sought; and

☐ (2) Certified that the person is prepared for the required knowledge test.

☐ (e) Pass the required knowledge test on the aeronautical knowledge areas listed in § 61.105(b) of this part.

☐ (f) Receive flight training and a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who:

(1) Conducted the training in the areas of operation listed in § 61.107(b) of this part that apply to the aircraft rating sought; and

(2) Certified that the person is prepared for the required practical test.

(g) Meet the aeronautical experience requirements of this part that apply to the aircraft rating sought before applying for the practical test.

(h) Pass a practical test on the areas of operation listed in § 61.107(b) of this part that apply to the aircraft rating sought.

(i) Comply with the appropriate sections of this part that apply to the aircraft category and class rating sought.

☐ (j) Hold a U.S. student pilot certificate, sport pilot certificate, or recreational pilot certificate.

☐ TSA Check

☐ Medical Certificate

§ 61.109 Aeronautical experience.

(a) For an airplane single-engine rating. Except as provided in paragraph (k) of this section, a person who applies for a private pilot certificate with an airplane category and single-engine class rating must log at least 40 hours of flight time that includes at least 20 hours of flight training from an authorized instructor and 10 hours of solo flight training in the areas of operation listed in § 61.107(b)(1) of this part, and the training must include at least—

☐ Total Time (40+):

☐ Dual Time (20+):

☐ Solo Time (10+):

(1) 3 hours of cross-country flight training in a single-engine airplane;

☐ Cross Country Time (3+):

(2) Except as provided in § 61.110 of this part, 3 hours of night flight training in a single-engine airplane that includes—

☐ Night Time (3+):

(i) One cross-country flight of over 100 nautical miles total distance; and

☐ Night Cross Country Trip

(ii) 10 takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport.

☐ Night takeoff and landings (10+):

(3) 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;

☐ Sim IMC/Real IMC (3+):

(4) 3 hours of flight training with an authorized instructor in a single-engine airplane in preparation for the practical test, which must have been performed within the preceding 2 calendar months from the month of the test; and

☐ Exam prep (3+):

(5) 10 hours of solo flight time in a single-engine airplane, consisting of at least—

☐ Solo Endorsements

(i) 5 hours of solo cross-country time;

☐ Solo Cross Country Time (5+):

(ii) One solo cross country flight of 150 nautical miles total distance, with full-stop landings at three points, and one segment of the flight consisting of a straight-line distance of more than 50 nautical miles between the takeoff and landing locations; and

☐ 'Long' Solo Cross Country Trip

(iii) Three takeoffs and three landings to a full stop (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower.

☐ Solo takeoff and landings at a tower (3+):

(k) Permitted credit for use of a full flight simulator or flight training device.

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (k)(2) of this section, a maximum of 2.5 hours of training in a full flight simulator or flight training device representing the category, class, and type, if applicable, of aircraft appropriate to the rating sought, may be credited toward the flight training time required by this section, if received from an authorized instructor.

☐ BATD Time (2.5 Max):