

*The SkyTrain Checkride Jet NOTAM*

Congratulations on scheduling your checkride! Be excited, not nervous. (Easy for me to say.) This document is intended to help make sure that your checkride goes as smoothly as possible.

We at SkyTrain genuinely appreciate the opportunity to be a part of your aviation journey, and even though we are evaluating you, our primary focus is to ensure you are a safe and competent pilot with whom we would enjoy sharing airspace. Much of this information will be familiar to you at this stage in your career, but it is our hope that this document helps prepare you, sets expectations, and provides guidance to make your checkride day a little less stressful.

Please let me know if you think I should add something for future applicants. Fly safe, and good luck with your checkride!

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***“There’s more to life than being a passenger.” – Amelia Earhart***

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## Important information about SkyTrain jet checkrides

### **What to know before scheduling:**

- Checkrides available: Initial type rating and recurrent rating for Citation XLS and CJ series (560 and 525B)
- Most checkrides are conducted out of Springfield, TN, at Springfield-Robertson County Airport (M91). For certain situations, we will conduct checkrides out of other airports, but it will be most economical for the applicant to come to me.
- Checkrides lasting longer than 4.5 hours will be charged by the hour.

### **Scheduling:**

- Except in rare cases, I book checkrides 1 – 2 weeks out. Applicants should be **fully qualified**: They have completed their training and are ready to take their checkride. IACRA doesn't need to be submitted yet, but the applicant should be ready to do so.
- To schedule, text me (615-495-7350) the following information in a single text message:
  - Applicant first and last name
  - Applicant phone number
  - FTN
  - Initial or recurrent
  - Aircraft to be used, exactly as it will be entered into 8710 form
  - Flight school, if applicable
  - Instructor name and contact number

### **Before your checkride:**

- Please consider adding me to your insurance, if applicable.
- By reading this NOTAM and continuing with the checkride, you agree to this NOTAM's terms and conditions.
- IACRA must be completed at least **two days before** your checkride.
- Please text me **the night before** your ride. My schedule is very busy. But also, remember that DPEs are pilots too. We steal pens, tell everyone within earshot that we're pilots, and make mistakes.

### **Rescheduling and cancellation policy:**

There is always the possibility of rescheduling due to my being called out for additional SkyTrain duties, your being sick, weather, etc. If maintenance and/or weather pose a threat to the checkride and both parties agree, we will work with you to reschedule your checkride. Additional expenses may apply.

In the case of cancellation, if the applicant cancels more than 72 hours before their checkride, there is no cancellation fee. Within less than 72 hours, cancellations are only acceptable in cases of valid illnesses, maintenance, and weather.

### Arriving at M91:

When arriving, you may park your plane in front of the north hangars. (Example in the photo.)

There should be chocks available, painted pink. Chocks have a tendency to wander off, so we'd recommend that you bring your own, just in case.

If the FBO is closed, the after-hours door is to the far right section of the FBO, ramp-side. Key in the CTAF (1-2-3-0) for the code, then press the Handicap Door button to enter.

### Fuel & fees:

The airport manager will require either a \$200 ramp fee or a minimum purchase of 100 gallons of fuel.

### Lodging options in Springfield, TN:

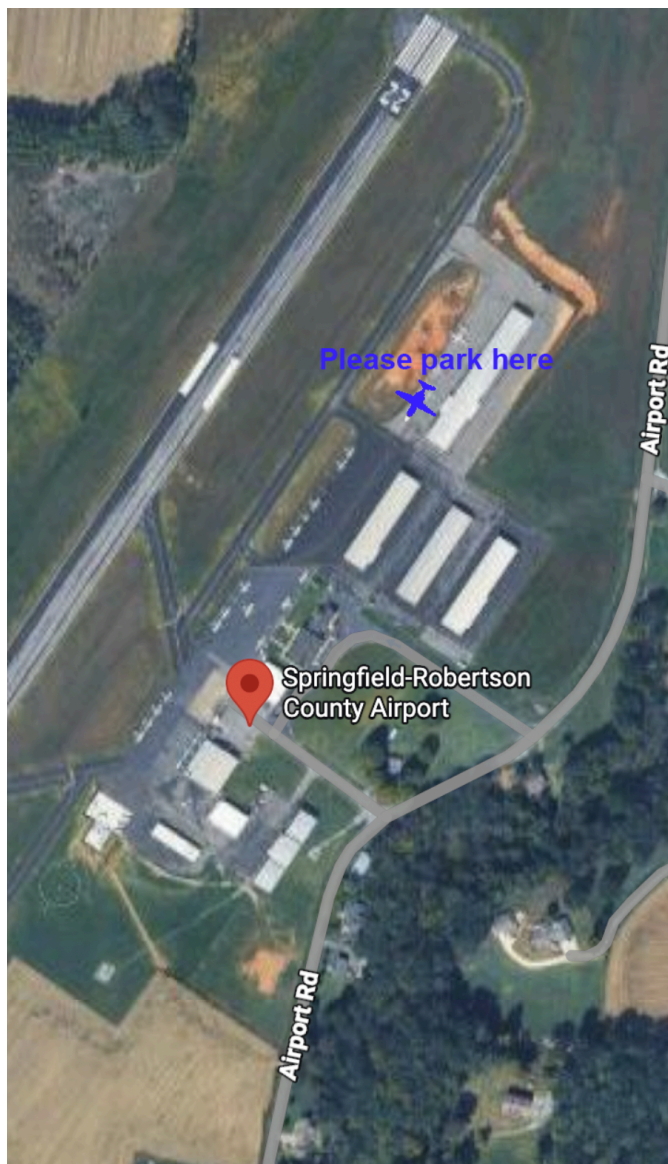
- [Springfield Inn](#)
- [Hampton Inn](#)
- [Holiday Inn Express & Suites](#)

### Restaurants near Springfield, TN:

- [Depot Bar & Grill](#)
- [Larry's](#)
- [El Molcajete](#)
- [Torino's](#) (Greek + Italian)

### Rental cars

- Courtesy car available at Springfield/Robertson County Airport. View [Use Policy](#).
- [Enterprise Rental Car](#)



Additional notes:

- Aircraft considerations:
  - Please provide the following documents:
    - Airworthiness certificate
    - Aircraft registration
    - Maintenance status report
    - Minimum equipment list (MEL) and Letter of Authorization (LOA) from your servicing FSDO
  - If you do not have an MEL and LOA (see AC 91-67A and 14 CFR 91.21):
    - Turbine Aircraft (including Turboprop): All equipment must be fully operational unless you have an MEL and LOA to operate with inoperative equipment.
    - Piston Aircraft: Can operate without an MEL under 14 CFR 91.213(d), provided the inoperative equipment is not critical for safe flight or compliance with regulations.
    - Placarding and Documentation: For all aircraft, inoperative equipment must be placarded and documented appropriately. Repairs must be completed as soon as possible, and a safety risk analysis should be conducted before flying with inoperative items.
- Consider preparing Weight and Balance computations for the checkride itself.
- Maneuvers will be completed at M91 and surrounding airports no farther than KBWG.
- Visit [skytrain.biz/documents](https://skytrain.biz/documents) for our guide to making a **Checkride Binder and the Personal Documents One-Sheet**.
  - We recommend creating a One-Sheet to organize your personal documents, which should include:
    - Identification: photo / signature ID
      - State- or federally issued & valid
    - Pilot certificate
      - Address matches ID and medical
    - Current medical certificate
  - Ensure that you have the following:
    - If applicable, a completed IACRA form; or completed FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application with instructor's signature
      - Address matches pilot certificate and ID

- Do not use SSN
- Matches medical exactly, including AME's name and "MD" with extra space. Example: John Smith , MD
  
- If applicable, completed 61.58 form (8410-1)
  
- Original Airman Knowledge Test Report (Score: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Examiner: Note missed question PLT/ACS Codes
  
- Pilot logbook, if required
  - Please make sure you have met the aeronautical requirements. Then ensure you have appropriate instructor endorsements in your logbook.
  - Make sure the endorsements are permanently attached.
  - If using a digital logbook, make sure endorsements are uploaded.
  - Ground log for 61.155(c), also permanently attached (if applicable).
  - If using a digital logbook, ensure ground log is uploaded.
  
- FAA Form 8060-5, notice of disapproval (if applicable) - **Please make a copy for me to keep.**
  
- Letter of discontinuance (if applicable); valid for 60 days - **Please make a copy for me to keep.**
  
- Approved 141 school graduation certificate (if applicable) - **Please make a copy for me to keep.**
  
- ATP-CTP certificate, if applicable.
  
- Evaluator's fee (if applicable: \$\_\_\_\_\_) after eligibility is determined. An overwhelming majority of examiners prefer cash. We don't know you, and cash is king!
  
- IACRA username and password.

## **Appendix A - Aeronautical experience**

[§ 61.159 Aeronautical experience—airplane category rating.](#)

[§ 61.160 Aeronautical experience—airplane category restricted privileges](#)

[§ 61.58 Pilot-in-command proficiency check: Operation of an aircraft that requires more than one pilot flight crewmember or is turbojet-powered.](#)

## Appendix B – Endorsement examples

- **A.1** Prerequisites for practical test: 14 CFR § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).
- **A.2** Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: 14 CFR § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.
- **A.40** Restricted privileges ATP Certificate, Airplane Multiengine Land (AMEL) rating: 14 CFR § 61.160.
- **A.41** ATP Certification Training Program (CTP): 14 CFR § 61.153(e).
- **A.72** To act as PIC in a complex airplane: 14 CFR § 61.31(e).
- **A.73** To act as PIC in a high-performance airplane: 14 CFR § 61.31(f).
- **A.74** To act as PIC in a pressurized aircraft capable of high-altitude operations: 14 CFR § 61.31(g).
- **A.81** Type rating only, already holds the appropriate category or class rating (at the ATP level): 14 CFR § 61.157(b)(2).
- **A.82** Type rating concurrently with an additional category or class rating (at the ATP level): 14 CFR § 61.157(b)(2).