

Does any of my military training count towards civilian ratings?

- Yes in the the following situations:

- [CFR 61.73 \(a\) Military Competency Commercial or \(g\) Military Competency Instructor](#)

- Military Competency Commercial gets you Commercial (Single ,and/or Multi, or Helicopter), Instrument, and Type ratings you qualify for based on your military experience. You must be a winged pilot and show the documents listed in [CFR 61.73 \(h\)](#).
- Military Competency Instructor will give you a CFI/CFII/MEI based on your military experience. You must have a commercial rating in the category of aircraft you are trying to receive credit for.

- [CFR 61.41](#) states that : A person may credit flight training toward the requirements of a pilot certificate or rating issued under this part, if that person received the training from:

- **(1)** A flight instructor of an Armed Force in a program for **training military pilots** of either -The United States; or a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
- **(2)** A flight instructor who is authorized to give such training by the licensing authority of a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and the flight training is given outside the United States.

NOTE: Military training can only be used towards the requirements of a civilian rating, military instructors cannot endorse you for your PPL. **You must meet all requirements of [CFR 61.109](#)** and be endorsed for your practical exam and take the appropriate written exam for the rating sought. You may use your solo, night, and cross country time and you can count your day/night landings. You cannot receive an endorsement for complex or high performance from a military instructor since they are not authorized to endorse you for anything. You may credit your altitude chamber training per [CFR 61.31](#).

If I am aircrew in the military do I require an FAA medical?

- [CFR 61.23 \(b\) \(9\)](#): When a **Military Pilot** of the U.S. Armed Forces can show evidence of an up-to-date medical examination authorizing pilot flight status issued by the U.S. Armed Forces and the flight does not require higher than a third-class medical certificate; and the flight conducted is a domestic flight operation within U.S. airspace

- Only rated military pilots are afforded this exception. Everyone else will require an FAA medical.

NOTE: Student Pilot or Pilot Trainee designations in the military do not count as a **Military Pilot**.

If I have already accomplished my Military Competency Commercial and Instructor and I was only given a CFII/MEI what do I need to do to get CFI -Single Engine Land?

- If you have been selected as a T-6A or other single engine aircraft instructor in the military following the completion of your Mil Comp Instructor completion you just need to show a DPE or FSDO the checkride paperwork for an Instructor checkride in a single engine aircraft and they will add the rating.
- Option 2 is to do an Add Rating Checkride. The requirements are outlined in the [Flight Instructor Practical Test Standards for Airplane](#) in the table on page 21. (At some point this will become an ACS).