

Endorsements and Pilot Qualifications

Flight Instructors, 61 Subpart H

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61.183 Eligibility

- Must be 18 years old
- Be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language
- Hold a commercial certificate with the appropriate category/class rating
- Hold an instrument rating
- 15 hours PIC in category/class
- Spin training and endorsement
- Fundamentals of Instructor and Flight Instructor-Airplane knowledge tests
 - The FOI test will require an endorsement
- Pass the practical test

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61.185 Aeronautical Knowledge

- Receive and log ground training on the fundamentals of instruction
 - Or have a teaching credit for 7th grade or higher
- Receive ground instruction on these aeronautical knowledge areas for:
 - Part [61.97](#) Recreational pilot knowledge areas
 - Part [61.105](#) Private pilot knowledge areas
 - Part [61.125](#) Commercial pilot knowledge areas
- Note Part 61.185 allows for ground instruction only, no home-study course

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61.187 Flight Proficiency

Need ground and flight training around these areas:

- All of the commercial pilot areas
- Fundamentals of instructing
- Technical subject areas
- Preflight lesson on a maneuver to be performed in flight
- Fundamentals of flight

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61.189 Flight Instructor Records

- An instructor sign the logbook of each person you give training to
- Maintain a record of endorsements:
 - Anyone endorsed for solo
 - Any 90-day endorsement
 - Anyone endorsed for a knowledge or practical test, plus the results of the test
- Keep these records for 3 years

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61.191 Additional Flight Instructor Ratings

- Need to meet the eligibility requirements of the new rating (61.183)
- An ground or flight instructor will not need to re-take the fundamentals of instructing (FOI) written test

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61.193 Privileges

- Flight instructor can conduct
 - Ground training
 - Flight training
 - Flight reviews
 - Issue endorsements
- Does not permit a flight instructor to conduct operations that would require an air carrier or operating certificate



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61.193 Limitations and Qualifications

- Can't conduct more than 8 hours of training in a 24 hour period
- Must hold category/class rating for the airplane giving instruction on
- Must hold a instrument rating on instructor certificate (CFII) to conduct instrument training
- Can't self-endorse

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61.193 Limitations and Qualifications (cont.)

- Training an initial flight instructor applicant:
 - Held your certificate for 2 years, and
 - Have >200 hours of dual training given, or
 - Recommend 5 applicants and have an 80% first-time pass rate
- Ground training for an initial CFI applicant requires:
 - Held your CFI or AGI for at least 2 years AND have given 40 hours of ground instruction
 - Or, given 100 hours ground training in any part 141 course



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61.197 Recent Experience

- To maintain currency, within the preceding 24 calendar months:
 - Take a CFI refresher course (FIRC)
 - Take a practical test for your current instructor rating, or a new rating
 - Recommend 5 applicants for checkrides and have an 80% first-time pass rate
 - Complete a phase of the WINGS program and provide 15 hours of flight time for at least 5 pilots

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61.197 Reinstatement

- Grace period of 3 calendar months to:
 - Pass a practical test for currently held or a new instructor rating
 - Pass a flight instructor refresher clinic (FIRC)

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Endorsements

- Endorsement A.41: FOI knowledge test
- Endorsement A.43: Ready for the practical test
- Endorsement A.45: Spin training

Knowledge Check

A flight instructor with a single-engine airplane rating has not instructed in four years, but does fly occasionally and remains current. He works to earn his flight instructor certificate for multi-engine airplanes. After his checkride, will he be able to exercise his privileges as a flight instructor in single-engine airplanes?

- Yes