

FAA HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS

PRIVATE PILOT

Privileges (as per Part 61,113)

Carrying passengers
Can fly day or night
Can travel any distance
Must maintain certain visual requirements

Requirements (as per Part 61,103)

Ability to read, write and speak English
Ability to pass an FAA medical examination - At least a 3rd Class Medical
Age 17 or older to obtain a private pilot certificate (can begin training at any age!)

Flight Experience (as per Part 61,109)

20 Hours of dual flight time with an instructor
20 Hours of ground school with an instructor
10 Hours of solo flight
3 Hours solo cross-country
100 NM solo cross-country with three full stops (one 25+ NM leg)
3 Takeoffs and 3 landings to a full stop (involving flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower.
3 Hours of cross-country flight training
3 Hours of night flight training
50 NM total distance cross-country flight
10 Takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop (each involving flight in the traffic pattern).
3 Hours in preparation for the practical test within two months prior to the test date.
Pass FAA written examination
Pass FAA check ride

COMMERCIAL PILOT

Requirements (as per Part 61,123)

Ability to read, write and speak English
Must hold at least a Private Pilot certificate
Age 18 or older to obtain a commercial certificate

Flight Experience (as per Part 61,129)

150 Hours logged
100 Hours in a powered aircraft (50 Hours helicopter)

100 Hours Pilot in Command (35 Hours helicopters and 10 Hours cross-country helicopter)
20 Hours of dual flight time with an instructor including:
5 Hours actual or simulated instrument flying (IFR)
One 2 Hour cross-country flight in a helicopter day time of more than 50NM (straight line distance)
One 2 Hour cross-country flight in a helicopter night time of more than 50NM (straight line distance)
3 Hours in preparation for the practical test within two months prior to the test date
10 Hours of solo flight OR dual flight time with an instructor including:
A cross-country flight with 3 landings, with a segment of 50 NM (straight line distance)
5 Hours night flying in VFR conditions with 10 take-offs and 10 landings (including flight in a traffic pattern)
Pass FAA written examination
Pass FAA check ride

INSTRUMENT RATING

Requirements (as per Part 61.65)

Must hold at least a Private Pilot certificate
Must be able to read, speak, understand English

Training experience (as per Part 61.65)

Receive ground training on the appropriate aeronautical knowledge topics
Receive flight training on the appropriate areas of operations
Pass the appropriate FAA knowledge test
Pass the appropriate FAA practical test
50 Hours cross-country as Pilot in Command (10 Hours must be in a helicopter)
40 Hours of actual or simulated instrument time in the appropriate areas of operation (15 Hours must be with an instructor - CFII)
Flight training must include a cross-country flight including:
Filing a flight plan
Distance of 100NM along airways or routed by ATC
Three different kinds of instrument approaches using navigation equipment at three different airports

CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

We provide ground and flight training in preparation of the CFI. Please contact us for more information.

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