

# Private Pilot Course Requirements (FAR part 61)

## Private Pilot Requirements (61 Subpart E)

- \_\_\_ Age: 17
  - \_\_\_ English Literate
  - \_\_\_ FAA Medical Certificate or Basic Med compliance
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### **Aeronautical knowledge** (61.105)

- \_\_\_ Receive ground training or accomplish a home-study course on the knowledge areas specified in 61.105 (b)
  - \_\_\_ Logbook endorsement for aeronautical knowledge
  - \_\_\_ Successfully complete the FAA Private Knowledge Test within preceding 24 months
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### **Aeronautical experience** (61.109)

- \_\_\_ Log a total of at least 40 hours of flight time
  - \_\_\_ Receive 20 hours of dual training including:
    - \_\_\_ Three hours cross-country
    - \_\_\_ Three hours at night
    - \_\_\_ One 100 mile **night** cross-country
    - \_\_\_ Ten **night** takeoffs/landings to a full stop
    - \_\_\_ Three hours of simulated instrument
  - \_\_\_ Log 10 hours of solo flight including
    - \_\_\_ Five hours of solo cross-country
    - \_\_\_ 150 mile cross-country, including a 50 mile leg, with 3 stops
    - \_\_\_ 3 takeoff/landings to a full stop at a tower controlled airport
  - \_\_\_ Receive flight training (FAR 61.107)
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- \_\_\_ Logbook endorsement for having 3 hours dual within the last 60 days - 61.39(a)(6)(i)
- \_\_\_ Logbook endorsement for aeronautical proficiency - 61.39(a)(6)(ii)
- \_\_\_ Logbook endorsement for knowledge test deficiencies - 61.39(a)(6)(iii)

# Instrument Rating Requirements (FAR part 61)

## Instrument Rating Requirements (61.65)

- Age 17
  - English literate
  - FAA Medical Certificate or Basic Med compliance
  - Hold at least a private pilot certificate
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## **Aeronautical knowledge (61.65(b))**

- Receive ground training or accomplish a home-study course on knowledge areas specified in 61.65 (b)
  - Logbook endorsement for aeronautical knowledge
  - Successfully complete the FAA Instrument Knowledge Test within preceding 24 months
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## **Aeronautical experience (61.65 (d))**

- 50 hours of cross-country PIC time
  - 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument flight time incl.  
(minimum of 15 hours out of the 40 must be with a CFII)
    - A **filed** cross-country flight of at least 250 nm total distance along airways or ATC-directed routing with at least one leg of 100 nm or more, making an instrument approach at each airport and logging a total of at least 3 different types of approaches.
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- Logbook endorsement for having 3 hours dual within the last 60 days - 61.39(a)(6)(i)
- Logbook endorsement for aeronautical proficiency - 61.39(a)(6)(ii)
- Logbook endorsement for knowledge test deficiencies - 61.39(a)(6)(iii)

# Commercial Pilot Course Requirements (part 61)

## Commercial Pilot Requirements ( 61 Subpart F)

- Age: 18
  - English Literate
  - FAA medical certificate or Basic Med compliance
  - Hold at least a private pilot certificate
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### **Aeronautical knowledge (61.125)**

- Receive ground training, or accomplish a home-study course on the knowledge area specified in 61.125 (b)
  - Logbook endorsement for aeronautical knowledge
  - Successfully complete the FAA Commercial Knowledge Test within preceding 24 months
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### **Aeronautical experience (61.129)**

- Log a total of at least 250 hours of flight time including
    - 100 hours in powered aircraft, including 50 in airplanes
    - 50 hours pilot-in-command in airplanes
    - 50 hours pilot-in-command cross-country time (minimum 10 hours in airplanes)
  - Receive 20 hours of dual training including
    - 10 hours instrument training (5 hours in single engine aircraft)
    - 10 hours training in complex aircraft (retractable landing gear, flaps, and constant speed prop)
    - One 100 mile day cross-country of at least 2 hours
    - One 100 mile **night** cross-country of at least 2 hours
  - Log 10 hours of solo time including
    - One 300 mile cross-country with landings at 3 points, and having at least one 250 mile straight-line leg
    - 5 hours **night** VFR
    - 10 **night** takeoff/landings to a full stop at a tower controlled airport
  - Receive flight training (61.127)
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- Logbook endorsement for having 3 hours dual within the last 60 days - 61.39(a)(6)(i)
- Logbook endorsement for aeronautical proficiency - 61.39(a)(6)(ii)
- Logbook endorsement for knowledge test deficiencies - 61.39(a)(6)(iii)