

# **Private Pilot Practical Exam Requirements**

An applicant must have completed at least 40 hours of flight time that includes at least 20 hours of flight training from an authorized instructor and 10 hours of solo flight training. The training must include at least—

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) 3 hours of cross-country flight training in a single-engine airplane;  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) 3 hours of night flight training in a single-engine airplane that  
includes—  
\_\_\_\_\_ (i) One cross-country flight of over 100 nautical miles total distance; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ii) 10 takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop (with each landing involving  
a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport.  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) 3 hours of flight training on the control and maneuvering of an airplane  
solely by reference to instruments, including straight and level flight,  
constant airspeed climbs and descents, turns to a heading, recovery from  
unusual flight attitudes, radio communications, and the use of navigation  
systems/facilities and radar services appropriate to instrument flight  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) 3 hours of flight training in preparation for the practical test in a  
single-engine airplane, which must have been performed within 60 days  
preceding the date of the test  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) 10 hours of solo flight consisting of at least—  
\_\_\_\_\_ (i) 5 hours of solo cross-country time;  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ii) One solo cross-country flight of at least 150 nautical miles total  
distance, with full-stop landings at a minimum of three points, and one  
segment of the flight consisting of a straight-line distance of at least 50  
nautical miles between the takeoff and landing locations; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (iii) Three takeoffs and three landings to a full stop (with each landing  
involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating

control tower.

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Passed the written exam within 24 calendar months.

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Be at least 17 years old.

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Have a copy of the written test results

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Have a completed and signed application form

Endorsements

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From an authorized instructor stating that the applicant has received and logged training time within the 60 prior to the test, is prepared for the test, and has demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of the subject areas in which the applicant was deficient in the written test