

FAA PART 61 AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS



Military Aviators with Commercial RW Instrument Rating

- Requirements to gain Airplane ratings (these are only requirements from the FAR's. Individual training time may vary due to pilot proficiency.



Private Pilot Aeronautical Experience (FAR 61.109)

- Total time requirement - **30 Hours**
 - Time with Instructor - **20 Hours**, including:
 - 3 hours of cross country instruction
 - 3 hours of night training (including 100 NM X-Country, 10 T/O and LDG to full stop)
 - 3 hours of training solely by reference to instruments
 - 3 hours of training in preparation for the check ride within the preceding 2 calendar months
 - Solo Time - **10 Hours**, including:
 - 5 hours of solo cross country, with one flight of 150 NM total distance to 3 points and one point more than 50 NM straight line distance from origin
 - 3 takeoffs and landings at an airport with an operating control tower



Instrument Airplane Aeronautical Experience (FAR 61.65 Para C)

- Prerequisite: Must have 10 hours of cross country PIC time in airplanes to be eligible (50 hours X-Country PIC total) and minimum of 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time
- Total time requirement - **15 Hours** (from an authorized instructor who holds an airplane-instrument rating)
 - 1 X-Country flight of 250 NM under ATC control, with 3 different kinds of approaches and an instrument approach at each airport
 - 3 hours of instrument flight training within 2 calendar months preceding the checkride



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Commercial Pilot Aeronautical Experience (FAR Part 61.129)

- Prerequisite: **250 Hours** of total flight time
 - 100 hours in powered aircraft, 50 of which must be in airplanes
 - 100 hours of PIC time, 50 of which must be in airplanes
 - 50 X-Country hours, of which 10 must be in airplanes
- Total time requirement: **20 Hours** of training from an authorized instructor
 - 10 hours of instrument training using a view limiting device, 5 of which must be in a single engine airplane
 - One 2 hour day cross country in a single engine airplane with one point of landing 100 NM straight line distance from origin
 - One 2 hour night cross country in a single engine airplane with one point of landing 100 NM straight line distance from origin
 - 3 hours of training from an authorized instructor in the preceding 2 calendar months
- **10 Hours** of solo flight time or as PIC with an authorized instructor on board that includes:
 - One 300 NM X-Country flight with landings at 3 points, one of which must be 250 NM straight line distance from point of origin
 - 5 hours night VFR with 10 T/O and LDG to full stop at an airport with an operating control tower

