

Prerequisites for Commercial Checkride:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- Third Class Medical or Basic MED
- Commercial Pilot Knowledge Test results (Form 8080-2)
- Flight Review (N/A if private pilot certificate was issued within 24 months)
- Required Aeronautical Experience (Part 61)
 - 250 hours total flight time
 - 100 hours in powered aircraft, of which 50 must be in airplanes
 - 100 hours as PIC, including:
 - 50 hours in airplanes
 - 50 hours cross country
 - 20 hours training for this checkride, including
 - 10 hours instrument training*, including 5 hours in a single engine airplane
 - 10 hours in a complex, turbine powered, or technologically advanced airplane
 - A two hour cross country flight in a single engine airplane in daytime conditions that consists of a straight line distance of more than 100 nm from the original point of departure (dual)
 - 10 hours of solo cross country flight (or 10 hours performing the duties of PIC with an authorized instructor on board)**, including:
 - 1 cross country flight of not less than 300 nm total, with landings at three points, one of which is at least 250 nm from the original departure point; and
 - 5 hours night VFR with 10 takeoffs and landings at an airport with an operating control tower.
 - 3 hours preparation for the checkride within the preceding 60 days
- Required Instructor Endorsements
 - For Written Test
 - For this test
 - Training within 2 months
 - Knowledge Test deficiencies
 - Practical Test Endorsement

*The fact that you have an instrument rating does NOT satisfy this requirement, unless while preparing for the instrument rating your instructor noted in your logbook that the training also met the requirements of 14 CFR 61.129(a)(3)(i).

**Regulations do NOT permit combining solo hours with hours acting as PIC with an instructor on board to meet this requirement. It must be 10 hours of one or the other. For example, five hours of each does NOT meet the requirement.

Nationally, about 15% of all checkrides end before they even start, because the applicant does not have all the requirements met. In order to help reduce this, applicants are obligated to provide

proof of meeting the requirements at least seven days prior to the scheduled checkride. The forms, logbooks entries, and endorsements should be gathered into a single PDF file and sent to thomastaylor.dpe@gmail.com.

Together, we can make sure your checkride starts off on the right foot!