

Prerequisites for Instrument Checkride:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- Third Class Medical or Basic MED
- Instrument 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)
 - 50 hours cross country time as PIC
 - 40 hours actual or simulated instrument time
 - 10 of these in an airplane
 - 15 of these with an authorized instructor
 - 3 hours preparation for the checkride within the preceding 60 days
 - 1 cross country with an instructor performed under Instrument Flight rules, with a filed flight plan, which includes:
 - A flight of 250 nm or more along airways or via direct routing;
 - An instrument approach at each airport; and
 - 3 different kinds of approaches with the use of navigation systems
- Required Instructor Endorsements
 - For Written Test
 - For this test
 - Training within 2 months
 - Knowledge Test deficiencies
 - Practical Test Endorsement

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 required 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!