

Prerequisites for Private Pilot Checkride:

- Student Pilot Certificate
- Third Class Medical or Basic MED
- Private Pilot Knowledge Test results (Form 8080-2)
- Required Aeronautical Experience (Part 61)
 - o 40 hours total time
 - o 3 hours night, including
 - One 100 nm cross country
 - 10 takeoffs and landings to a full stop
 - o 3 hours instrument training
 - o 10 hours solo, including
 - 5 hours solo cross country
 - 1 solo cross country of 150 nm miles or more, 3 full stop landings, 1 segment of more than 50 nm
 - o 3 takeoffs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower
 - o 3 hours preparation for the checkride within the preceding 60 days
- Required Instructor Endorsements
 - o For Written Test
 - Must document some ground instruction (61.103(d)(1))
 - o For Solo
 - Initial
 - Each subsequent solo
 - o For cross country
 - Initial
 - Each subsequent solo
 - o 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!