

Instrument Rating

NOTE 9: Per § 61.65(a)(1), must “Hold at least a current private pilot certificate with an airplane, helicopter, or powered-lift rating appropriate to the instrument rating sought;”

XVIII. For all instrument ratings.

Total Time: Must have logged the following:

- A. At least 50 hours of cross-country flying as a PIC, of which at least 10 hours must be in airplanes for an Instrument Airplane rating; and
- B. Total of 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time on the Instrument areas of operation, that includes at least--
 - 1. Dual: 15 hours of instrument training with an instructor in the aircraft category, that includes at least: (*See Note 9*)
 - a. 3 hours of the instrument training were within the preceding 60 days prior to the practical test; and
 - b. 1 IFR cross-country flight of more than 250 nm. (more than 100 nm. for helicopters) in the instrument-aircraft rating sought.

or, if for an

- C. Additional instrument rating, 15 hours of instrument training with an instructor for the rating sought, that includes at least:
 - 1. 1 IFR cross-country flight of more than 250 nm. (more than 100 nm. for helicopters) in the instrument-aircraft rating sought; and
 - 2. 3 hours of the instrument training were within the preceding 60 days prior to the practical test.