

## Private Pilot Certification

**NOTE 1:** Where § 61.109 requires "... 3 hours of flight training by reference to instruments in a single engine airplane" [i.e., II.A.3.] or "... in a multiengine airplane" [i.e., III. A.3.] or "... in a powered-lift" [i.e., VI. A.3.] it has to be in the aircraft in flight. It cannot be in a FS, FTD, or an PCATC. The "... flight training by reference to instruments ..." must have been in the aircraft in flight.

### **II. For a Single Engine Airplane Rating:**

Total Time: 40 hours which consists of at least-

- A. Dual: 20 hours of flight training with an instructor on the Private Pilot areas of operation that includes:
  - 1. 3 hours of cross-country flight training in a single engine airplane;
  - 2. 3 hours of night flight training in a single engine airplane, that includes at least-
    - a. 1 cross-country flight of over 100 nm. total distance; and
    - b. 10 takeoffs and 10 landings with each involving a flight in the traffic pattern.
  - 3. 3 hours of flight training by reference to instruments in a single engine airplane; and (*See Note 1*)
  - 4. 3 hours of flight training in a single engine airplane within the preceding 60 days prior to the practical test.
- B. Solo: 10 hours of solo flying in a single engine airplane on the Private Pilot areas of operation, that includes:
  - 1. 5 hours of solo cross-country flying;
  - 2. 1 solo cross-country flight of at least 150 nm. total distance with 3 points and one segment of at least 50 nm. between takeoff and landings; and
  - 3. 3 takeoffs and landings at a controlled airport.

### **III. For a Multiengine Airplane Rating:**

Total Time: 40 hours which consists of at least-

- A. Dual: 20 hours of flight training with an instructor on the Private Pilot areas of operation that includes:
  - 1. 3 hours of cross-country flight training in a multiengine airplane;
  - 2. 3 hours of night flight training in a multiengine airplane, that includes at least-
    - a. 1 cross-country flight of over 100 nm. total distance; and
    - b. 10 takeoffs and 10 landings with each involving a flight in the traffic pattern.
  - 3. 3 hours of flight training by reference to instruments in a multiengine airplane; and (*See Note 1*)
  - 4. 3 hours of flight training in a multiengine airplane within the preceding 60 days prior to the practical test.
- B. Solo: 10 hours of solo flying in an airplane on the Private Pilot areas of operation, that includes:
  - 1. 5 hours of solo cross-country flying;
  - 2. 1 solo cross-country flight of at least 150 nm. total distance with 3 points and one segment of at least 50 nm. between takeoff and landing; and
  - 3. 3 takeoffs and landings at a controlled airport.