

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE

The initial flight instructor certificate will allow you to train private and commercial pilots as well as ATP (Airline Transport Pilot) and flight instructors, the former and the latter with some restrictions. To this certificate, you will be able to add ratings, the most common being the instrument flight instructor (CFII) and the multi-engine flight instructor (MEI).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ([14 CFR 61.183](#))

- 18 years of age
- Hold a commercial certificate with an instrument rating
- Speak, read and understand English
- Hold an [aviation medical certificate](#)

FLIGHT PROFICIENCY ([14 CFR 61.187 \(b\)](#))

- The applicant must demonstrate *instructional proficiency* in the listed areas of operation. The training focuses on the private and commercial certificate maneuvers as well as three additional ones specific to the instructor certificate.

Pass two FAA written tests (the Flight Instructor and Fundamentals of Instructing) with 70% or more on the areas of operation listed in [14 CFR 61.185](#).

Successfully complete a practical test ("checkride") administered by an FAA-designated pilot examiner or an FAA-Inspector using a practical test standard.

Practical Test Standard - Flight Instructor Certificate

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