

INSTRUMENT RATING

The requirements below are again the minimum mandated by the FAA. Most students will spend the whole 40 hours in dual instruction and might supplement the training doing flights with a safety pilot. Even though it is possible to finish the training within the minimum required by the FAA, bear in mind that the more complex the equipment and the airplane, the longer the training may take.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ([14CFR 61.65 \(a\)](#))

- Hold at least a private pilot certificate
- Speak, read and understand English
- Hold an [aviation medical certificate](#)

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ([14CFR 61.65 \(c\)](#))

- 40 hrs of actual or simulated instrument time
- 15 hrs of dual instruction with an instructor
 - 3 hrs of preparation for the practical test
 - 1 cross-country flight of 250NM under IFR -Instrument Flight Rules- (with an instructor)

Pass an FAA written test on with 70% or more on the areas of operation listed in [14CFR 61.65 \(b\)](#).

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

Practical Test Standard - Instrument rating

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