

# Endorsements Quick Reference

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Endorsements appear in approximately the order that they are required.

Reference: **AC 61-65J**

| <b>Private Pilot</b>             |   |
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| <b>Before Training</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.14</b> - Endorsement of U.S. citizenship recommended by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA): Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) § 1552.15(c).               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Only for an initial FAA pilot certificate, recreational, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate; instrument rating; or multiengine rating.</li> <li>○ Show: valid passport, original/official birth certificate, naturalization/citizenship cert</li> <li>○ Keep a copy 5 years or endorse student and own logbook</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                      |
| <b>Pre-Solo</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Medical Certificate</b> - MedXpress</li> <li>● <b>Student Pilot Certificate</b> - IACRA</li> <li>● <b>A.3</b> - Pre-solo aeronautical knowledge: § 61.87(b).</li> <li>● <b>A.4</b> - Pre-solo flight training: § 61.87(c)(1) and (2).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Solo (Local and &lt;25NM)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.6</b> - Solo flight (first 90 calendar-day period): § 61.87(n).</li> <li>● <b>A.7</b> - Solo flight (each additional 90 calendar-day period): § 61.87(p).</li> <li>● <b>A.8</b> - Solo takeoffs and landings at another airport within 25 nautical miles (NM): § 61.93(b)(1).</li> <li>● <b>Optional</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A.5</b> - Pre-solo flight training at night: § 61.87(o). (<b>Within 90 days</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>Solo XC</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.9</b> - Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c)(1) and (2).</li> <li>● <b>A.10</b> - Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c)(3). (<b>Per Flight</b>)</li> <li>● <b>A.11</b> - Repeated solo cross-country flights not more than 50 NM from the point of departure: § 61.93(b)(2).</li> <li>● <b>Optional</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A.12</b> - Solo flight in Class B airspace: § 61.95(a). (<b>Per Airspace</b>)</li> <li>○ <b>A.13</b> - Solo flight to, from, or at an airport located in Class B airspace: § 61.95(b) and 14 CFR part 91, § 91.131(b)(1).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Knowledge Test</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.82</b> - Review of a home study curriculum: § 61.35(a)(1). (<b>See AC 61-65J Section 10</b>)</li> <li>● <b>A.32</b> - Aeronautical knowledge test: §§ 61.35(a)(1), 61.103(d), and 61.105.</li> <li>● <b>In case of failure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>Pre-Checkride</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.1</b> - Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).</li> <li>● <b>A.2</b> - Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.</li> <li>● <b>A.33</b> - Flight proficiency/practical test: §§ 61.103(f), 61.107(b), and 61.109. The endorsement for a practical test is required in addition to the § 61.39 endorsements provided in paragraphs A.1 and A.2.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Retest After Failure</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Checkrides</b>             |  |
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| <b>Before Every Checkride</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.1</b> - Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).</li> <li>• <b>A.2</b> - Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Retest After Failure</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul>   |

| <b>Commercial Pilot</b>     |  |
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| <b>Knowledge Test</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.34</b> - Aeronautical knowledge test: §§ 61.35(a)(1), 61.123(c), and 61.125.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Pre-Checkride</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.1</b> - Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).</li> <li>• <b>A.2</b> - Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.</li> <li>• <b>A.35</b> - Flight proficiency/practical test: §§ 61.123(e), 61.127, and 61.129.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Retest After Failure</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul>   |

| <b>CFI</b>                  |  |
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| <b>Spin Training</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.45</b> - Spin training: § 61.183(i)(1).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Knowledge Tests</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note:</b> No Knowledge Test Endorsement Required prior to taking the <b>FIA</b> test, but endorsement <i>is</i> required for <b>FOI</b> (and must be given by an authorized ["2 year"] CFI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>See:</b> <a href="https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/testing_matrix">https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/testing_matrix</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>A.41</b> - Fundamentals of instructing knowledge test: § 61.183(d).</li> <li>• <b>A.42</b> - Flight instructor aeronautical knowledge test: § 61.183(f).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Pre-Checkride</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.1</b> - Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).</li> <li>• <b>A.2</b> - Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required.</li> <li>• <b>A.43</b> - Flight instructor ground and flight proficiency/practical test: § 61.183(g).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Retest After Failure</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul>   |

| <b>Miscellaneous</b>    |   |
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| <b>Flight Review</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.65</b> - Completion of a flight review: § 61.56(a) and (c).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Complex Airplane</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.68</b> - To act as pilot in command in a complex airplane: § 61.31(e).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>High Performance</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.69</b> - To act as pilot in command in a high-performance airplane: § 61.31(f).</li> </ul>                                |
| <b>Tailwheel</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.71</b> - To act as pilot in command in a tailwheel airplane: § 61.31(i).</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>High Altitude</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A.70</b> - To act as pilot in command in a pressurized aircraft capable of high-altitude operations: § 61.31(g).</li> </ul> |

| <b>Added Category/Class</b> |   |
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| <b>Knowledge Test</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Usually not required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “An applicant for other than an ATP Certificate with airplane category multiengine class rating need not take an additional knowledge test, <i>provided the person holds an airplane, powered-lift, rotorcraft, PPC, weight-shift-control aircraft, or airship rating at or above the pilot certificate level sought.</i>” (See AC 61-65J 33.1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>Training</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Added Category</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Applicants must receive the training and have the aeronautical experience required by part 61 that applies to the pilot certificate level for the category, and if applicable, class rating sought.” (See AC 61-65J 33.1.1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Added Class</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Applicants must be found competent in the knowledge areas and proficient in the Areas of Operation for the class rating sought.” (See AC 61-65J 33.1.2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Solo Flight</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.72</b> - To act as pilot in command of an aircraft in solo operations when the pilot does not hold an appropriate category/class rating: § 61.31(d)(2).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Pre-Checkride</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.1</b> - Prerequisites for practical test: Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61, § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii).</li> <li>● <b>A.2</b> - Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii), as required. (<b>Probably not required in most cases</b>)</li> <li>● <b>A.74</b> - Additional aircraft category or class rating (other than ATP): § 61.63(b) or (c).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Retest After Failure</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A.73</b> - Retesting after failure of a knowledge or practical test: § 61.49.</li> </ul>  |