

NEW TRAINEE GUIDE/REQUIREMENTS



1. CITIZENSHIP

- **U.S. Passport...OR...Driver's License plus Birth Certificate**
- **Non-U.S. Citizens must apply via the TSA Alien Flight Student Program (<https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov/home>)**
- **Due before continuing training beyond Discovery Flight**

2. FAA CLASS III MEDICAL

- **Complete ASAP or at least one week prior to anticipated First Solo**
- **Any Medical issues talk to Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) before filing FAA MedXpress on line (<https://medxpress.faa.gov/medxpress/>)**

3. RENTAL AGREEMENT

- **Signed/on-file with Student License in hand prior to Solo**

4. NON-OWNED AIRCRAFT INSURANCE

- **Not Required**
- **\$5,000 physical damage (hull value) and \$50,000 Liability Recommended normally less than \$200/yr**

5. HEADSET

- **Recommend Sportys.com to evaluate for what you want whether Passive or Active Noise Reduction**
- **Bose A20 (\$1200); Lightspeed Zulu 3 (\$850); Lightspeed Sierra (\$650); Faro ANR (\$450)**

6. PILOT LOGBOOK

- **Numerous options can be found on Amazon.com or Sportys.com**

7. FLIGHT COMPUTER

- **Electronic or E6B**
- **Only item allowed in the FAA Written Exam room other than simple calculators (no WiFi/LTE enabled smart phones or devices)**

8. MAPS/CHARTS

- **“Charlotte” area VFR Sectional is the minimum requirement for flying and flight planning**
- **New edition released each 56 days (approx \$15)**
- **...OR...you can use ForeFlight on an Apple device**

9. REQUIRED PUBLICATIONS

- **FAR/AIM; Airplane Flying Handbook; Pilot’s Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge; Private Pilot Airman Certification Standards**
- **ALL publications can be acquired as .pdf documents for FREE via www.faa.gov**
- **If you learn better using paper products, then recommend a package along with your Ground School through an on line vendor**

10. GROUND SCHOOL

- **Endorsement of completion required to take FAA Written Exam**
- **Traditionally completed via 35 hrs with CFI...OR...**
- **On line vendor such as Sporty’s, King Schools, ASA, Gleim, etc.**
- **Packages price range from \$150-\$400 depending on items included**

11. FOREFLIGHT MOBILE ELECTRONIC FLIGHT BAG (EFB)

- **Replaces ALL paper Maps/Charts and Required Publications and is widely accepted by Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE)**
- **Requires iPhone or iPad Mini; Standard iPad is normally too large for use in small cockpits**
- **Only a Basic Subscription (\$99/yr) is needed for VFR; you can always upgrade to the IFR level (\$199/yr) and have it pro-rated; and the \$299/yr package offers additional features beyond what is required**
- **Provides VFR Sectional Maps and charts off-line as well as flight planning, weight and balance, flight plan filing, weather information and products, NOTAM access, and electronic storage for all required publications**
- **iPad leg strap or iPhone/iPad suction cup mount is needed**

12. FAA WRITTEN EXAM

- **Must pass with 70% or greater average to qualify for the Practical (Flying/Oral) Evaluation**
- **Endorsement from CFI or on-line vendor required to take the Exam**
- **Register on line to take in person at a PSI testing center**
 - i. (<https://faa.psiexams.com/faa/login>)
 - ii. **Your Name must be EXACTLY as listed on your Student License**
- **Completion of both Ground School and a comprehensive review of the master question database (nearly 1,000 questions) is required to satisfactorily prepare for the exam**
- **Take the Exam in person**
 - i. **PSI Examination Services [4600 Goer Drive Charleston , SC 29406]**
 - ii. **Trident Technical College [7000 Rivers Ave Student Center Building 410 Room 202 (Southgate Entrance) Charleston , SC 29406]**

13. FINAL PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

- **All Requisites Complete**
 - i. **IACRA Application**
 - ii. **All FAR Part 61 Certification Flight Times**
 - iii. **FAA Written Exam**
 - iv. **Required CFI Written Endorsements**
- **Expected Flow**
 - i. **0730/1130: Solo Flight to DYB (or designated location)**
 - ii. **0830/1230: Meet DPE**
 - iii. **0900/1300: DPE Signs IACRA; ORAL EVALUATION**
 - iv. **1030/1430: FLIGHT EVALUATION**
 - v. **1200/1600: Examination and Paperwork Complete**
 - vi. **1300/1700: Complete Return Solo Flight to LRO**
- **COST: \$600 Cash (currently) direct to DPE**