

STUDENT GUIDE/REQUIREMENTS



1. VERIFY CITIZENSHIP

- U.S. Passport...OR...Driver's License plus Birth Certificate
- Non-U.S. Citizens must apply via the TSA Flight Training Security 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 and On File PRIOR to Solo/PIC

4. NON-OWNED AIRCRAFT INSURANCE

- Mandatory Declarations Page on File with Valid Expiration date PRIOR to Solo/PIC
- Minimum \$25,000 aircraft damage (hull value) currently \$314/year

5. HEADSET

- Recommend Sportys.com to evaluate Passive or Active Noise Reduction headsets
- Bose A20 (\$1300); Lightspeed Zulu 3 / Sierra (\$900 / \$700); Faro ANR (\$450)

6. PILOT LOGBOOK

- Numerous options can be found on Amazon.com or Sportys.com
- Purchase through MTP Flight Training

7. FLIGHT COMPUTER

- Electronic or “whiz wheel” style 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 \$20)
- ...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. 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 may be too large for use in the cockpit
- Only a Basic Subscription (\$120/yr) is needed for VFR; you can always upgrade to the IFR level (\$240/yr) and have it pro-rated; and the \$360/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

11. GROUND SCHOOL

- Endorsement of completion required to take FAA Written Exam
- Traditionally completed via 35 hrs with CFI...OR...
- Online vendor such as Sporty's, King Schools, ASA, Gleim, etc.
- Packages range in price from \$150-\$600 depending on items included

12. FAA WRITTEN EXAM

- Must pass with 70% or greater average to qualify for the Practical (Flying/Oral) Evaluation
- 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
- Endorsement from CFI or on-line vendor required to take the Exam
- Register on line to take in person at a PSI testing center
(<https://faa.psiexams.com/faa/login>)
 - 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]
 - iii. Additional locations in Savannah and Myrtle Beach

13. FINAL PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

- All Requisites Complete
- IACRA Application
 - i. All FAR Part 61 Certification Flight Times
 - ii. FAA Written Exam
- Required CFI Written Endorsements
- Expected Flow (Final Examination Day)
 - i. 0730/1130: Solo Flight to RBW, DYB, FLO, or other 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: \$800 Cash/Venmo direct to DPE (minimum as of 11/24/20240)