
Sport Pilot Certificate - Requirements Worksheet

1. Eligibility Requirements

Be at least 17 years old to receive the certificate (16 to solo)

Read, speak, write, and understand English

Hold a valid U.S. driver's license OR an FAA medical certificate

Hold a Student Pilot Certificate (IACRA application)

2. Required Aeronautical Knowledge

Before the knowledge test, you must learn and understand:

- Sport Pilot privileges & limitations
- Airspace rules & operating requirements
- Weather & weather minimums
- Aircraft systems & performance
- Weight & balance
- Emergency procedures
- ADM & risk management

Knowledge Test:

- Pass the FAA Sport Pilot Airplane Knowledge Exam

3. Required Flight Training

Minimum flight experience for Sport Pilot (Airplane) includes:

- 20 hours total flight time minimum
 - 15 hours dual instruction
 - 5 hours solo flight
- 2 hours cross-country training
- 1 solo cross-country flight of at least 75 NM total distance
- 10 takeoffs & landings to a full stop
- Demonstrated proficiency in all required maneuvers (per ACS)

4. Required Endorsements

- Solo flight endorsement
- Solo cross-country endorsement
- Knowledge test endorsement
- Practical test (checkride) endorsement

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- Any additional endorsements for aircraft category/class (if applicable)

5. Practical Test (Checkride)

To take the checkride, you must:

- Complete all required training & endorsements
- Pass the knowledge test
- Meet all aeronautical experience requirements
- Bring required documents to the examiner
- Pass the Sport Pilot Practical Test (oral + flight)

6. Documents to Bring to the Checkride

- Government ID
- Driver's license or FAA medical
- Student Pilot Certificate
- Knowledge test report
- Logbook with endorsements
- Aircraft documents (AROW)
- IACRA application completed

7. Privileges After Certification

- Fly Light-Sport Aircraft (LSA)
- Day VFR only
- No flight above 10,000 ft MSL (or 2,000 ft AGL, whichever is higher)
- No flying for compensation or hire
- Carry one passenger
- Fly in Class E & G; Class B/C/D with endorsements