

Pilot Certification Eligibility, Training and Testing Requirements

	Medical Eligibility	Training Requirements	Testing Requirements	Add-On Privileges or Ratings
Ultralight Pilot	None	None	None	None
Ultralight Instructor	None	None	None	None
Sport Pilot	Current and valid U.S. driver's license unless §61.303(b) applies or Valid medical certificate issued under part 67 Gliders and balloons---Airman medical certificate not required	Airplane, Gyro, Weight-Shift Control, and Airships 20 Hours - Total 15 Hours - Flight training 5 Hours - Solo 2 Hours - Dual Cross Country 1 Solo Cross Country 3 Hours - Prep (registered ultralight pilots with FAA- recognized ultralight organizations may be given credit until January 31, 2007)	CFI or CFI-SP Recommendation - Knowledge test Practical test	Cat/Class Privileges Training - CFI or CFI-SP Recommendation CFI or CFI-SP, Proficiency Check- Different CFI or CFI-SP Endorsement / Form 8710.11 Make and model (to operate aircraft within a set of aircraft) Class B, C, D Vh > 87 Knots CAS-- Training - CFI or CFI-SP Endorsement - CFI or CFI-SP
Recreational Pilot	Third-class medical certificate issued under part 67, Except for gliders and balloons - Medical eligibility not required	Airplane and Rotorcraft 30 Hours - Total 15 Hours - Flight training, 3 Hours - Solo, 2 Hours - Flight training cross country-(limited 50 NM range from departure airport, permitted with additional training (see §61.101(C)) 3 Hours - Prep		Cat/Class Rating Training - CFI Recommendation - CFI Practical test - Cat/class rating Issued (make and model-training recommended) Class B, C, D Training - CFI Endorsement CFI
Private Pilot	Third-class medical issued under part 67 -- Except for gliders and balloons, Medical eligibility not required	for airplanes: 40 Hours - Total Additional flight training requirements for each category and class	CFI Recommendation - Knowledge test - Practical Test	Cat/Class Rating Training - CFI Recommendation - CFI Practical test
Commercial Pilot	Second-class Medical certificate Issued under part 67 -- Except for gliders and balloons -- Medical eligibility not required	For airplanes: 250 Hours - Total Additional flight training requirements for each category and class	CFI Recommendation - Knowledge test - Practical Test	Cat/Class Rating Training - CFI Recommendation - CFI Practical test
CFI - Sport Pilot	Current and valid U.S. driver's license unless §61.303(b) applies or Valid airman medical certificate issued under part 67--- Only required when acting as pilot in command Gliders and balloons---Airman medical certificate not required	150 Hours - Total Additional flight training requirements for each category and class Sport Pilot certificate or higher Category and class privileges or rating	CFI Recommendation - Knowledge test - Practical Test	Cat/Class Privileges Training - CFI or CFI-SP Recommendation CFI or CFI-SP -- Proficiency Check- Different CFI or CFI-SP Endorsement / Form 8710.11 Make and model 5 hours PIC Endorsements -- Must have those endorsements required to exercise pilot privileges in the aircraft
CFI	Valid airman medical certificate issued under part 67-- Only required when acting as pilot in command Gliders and balloons-- Airman medical certificate not required	ATP or Commercial certificate (with Instrument Rating if appropriate) Category/Class Rating Additional flight training requirements for each category and class	CFI Recommendation - Knowledge test - Practical Test	Cat/Class Rating Training - CFI Recommendation - CFI Practical test

Aircraft Authorized That May Be Operated By Pilots

	Part 103 Ultralight Weight (254 EW) (496 EW - 2-place trainer operation under part 103 exemption) aircraft Certification: None - Ultralight Vehicle	Training Requirements	Small Aircraft Weight: (< 12,500 MTOW) Aircraft Certification: ELSA, SLSA, Limited, Restricted, Primary, Standard
Ultralight Pilot	Yes	No	No
Ultralight instructor	Yes	Yes	Yes, if aircraft meets the definition of "light-sport aircraft" in §1.1
Sport Pilot	Yes	Yes	Yes - 4-place/2 passengers; 180 horsepower, single engine, non-complex rotorcraft /airplane
Recreational Pilot	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Pilot	Yes	Yes	Yes
CFI - Sport Pilot	Yes	Yes	Yes, if aircraft meets the definition of "light-sport aircraft" in §1.1
CFI	Yes	Yes	Yes