

How to Become a Sport Pilot

1. Meet Medical and Eligibility
2. Pass a FAA Sport Pilot Knowledge Test
3. Receive flight instruction in an appropriate aircraft.
4. Pass a FAA Sport Pilot Practical Test
5. Sport Pilot Certificate Issued ([All Category and Class Privileges Endorsed in Logbook](#))



SPORT PILOT AND SPORT PILOT FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION



If you are a FAA Certificated Pilot and Want to Exercise Sport Pilot Privileges:

1. Hold at Least a Recreational Pilot Certificate ([X-C Training if a Rec Pilot 61.101\(c\)](#))
2. Hold Category and Class Ratings for the LSA Flying ([Additional Category and Class Privileges Endorsed in Logbook](#))
3. U.S Drivers License or FAA Medical
4. Current Flight Review
5. 3 Takeoffs and Landings within 90 days ([if carrying a passenger](#))
6. Operate only FAA Certificated LSA
7. Comply with all Sport Pilot Privileges and Limits
8. Exercise Sport Pilot Privileges

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DEFINITION OF A LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT

14 CFR PART 1.1

Light-sport aircraft means an aircraft, other than a helicopter or powered-lift that, since its original certification, has continued to meet the following:

- (1) A maximum takeoff weight of not more than--
 - (i) 1,320 pounds (600 kilograms) for aircraft not intended for operation on water; or
 - (ii) 1,430 pounds (650 kilograms) for an aircraft intended for operation on water.
- (2) A maximum airspeed in level flight with maximum continuous power (VH) of not more than 120 knots CAS under standard atmospheric conditions at sea level.
- (3) A maximum never-exceed speed (VNE) of not more than 120 knots CAS for a glider.
- (4) A maximum stalling speed or minimum steady flight speed without the use of lift-enhancing devices (VS1) of not more than 45 knots CAS at the aircraft's maximum certificated takeoff weight and most critical center of gravity.
- (5) A maximum seating capacity of no more than two persons, including the pilot.
- (6) A single, reciprocating engine, if powered.
- (7) A fixed or ground-adjustable propeller if a powered aircraft other than a powered glider.
- (8) A fixed or autofeathering propeller system if a powered glider.
- (9) A fixed-pitch, semi-rigid, teetering, two-blade rotor system, if a gyroplane.
- (10) A nonpressurized cabin, if equipped with a cabin.
- (11) Fixed landing gear, except for an aircraft intended for operation on water or a glider.
- (12) Fixed or retractable landing gear, or a hull, for an aircraft intended for operation on water.
- (13) Fixed or retractable landing gear for a glider.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT PILOT

(14 CFR part 61.23/53/303)

A Medical or U.S. Driver's License (Other than Balloon or Glider)

- A Student Pilot Seeking Sport Pilot Privileges in a Light-Sport Aircraft
- A Pilot Exercising the Privileges of a Sport Pilot Certificate
- A Flight Instructor Acting as PIC of a Light-Sport Aircraft

A Person Using a Current and Valid U.S. Driver's License Must

- Comply With Each Restriction and Limitation Imposed on Your Drivers License
- Comply With Any Judicial or Administrative Order Applying to the Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Not Have Been Denied Your Most Recent Application for a Medical Certificate (If You Have Applied for Medical Certificate)
- Not Have Your Most Recently Issued Medical Certificate Suspended or Revoked (If You Have Been Issued a Medical Certificate)
- Not Had Your Most Recent Authorization for a Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate Withdrawn (A Special Issuance Is Not a Denial)

A Person Using a Valid Medical or Current and Valid U.S. Driver's License Must

- Not know or have reason to know of any medical condition that would make that person unable to operate a Light-Sport Aircraft in a safe manner



If You Are a Flight Instructor and You Want to Train Sport Pilots and SP CFIs:

1. Hold a Current and Valid CFI ([Valid Pilot Certificate, Meet Currency, Hold Appropriate Endorsements](#))
2. Appropriate Category and Class Ratings in LSA ([Additional Category and Class Privileges Endorsed in Logbook](#))
3. U.S Drivers License or FAA Medical ([If acting as PIC](#))
4. Comply with all Sport Pilot CFI Privileges and Limits
5. Exercise CFI Privileges

