

Student Pilot Certificate Procedures and Sport Pilot Endorsements

The following contains important information for student pilots, flight instructors, designated pilot examiners and aviation safety inspectors issuing student pilot certificates for sport pilot training using FAA Form 8710.11.

GUIDANCE. The new rule requires a person who holds a student pilot certificate while seeking a sport pilot certificate to comply with the new limitations established in §61.89(c) and the medical eligibility requirements established in § 61.3.

Eligibility requirements:

An applicant for a student pilot certificate must:

1. Read, write, speak and understand English, (if not, refer to AC 60-28);
2. Be at least 16 years of age for airplane, gyroplane, airship, weight-shift control, or powered parachute (14 years of age for balloons and gliders);

Medical Eligibility:

An applicant for student pilot certificate for sport pilot —

Must hold either a medical certificate or U.S. driver's license -- A person must hold and possess either a valid medical certificate issued under part 67 or a current and valid U.S. driver's license when exercising the privileges of a student pilot certificate while seeking sport pilot privileges in a light-sport aircraft other than a glider or balloon.

General limitations:

- (A) A student pilot may not act as pilot in command of an aircraft:
- (1) That is carrying a passenger;
 - (2) That is carrying property for compensation or hire;
 - (3) For compensation or hire;
 - (4) In furtherance of a business;
 - (5) On an international flight, except that a student pilot may make solo training flights from Haines, Gustavus, or Juneau, Alaska, to White Horse, Yukon, Canada, and return over the province of British Columbia;
 - (6) With a flight or surface visibility of less than 3 statute miles during daylight hours or 5 statute miles at night;
 - (7) When the flight cannot be made with visual reference to the surface; or
 - (8) In a manner contrary to any limitations placed in the pilot's logbook by an authorized instructor.
- (B) A student pilot may not act as a required pilot flight crewmember on any aircraft for which more than one pilot is required by the type certificate of the aircraft or regulations under which the flight is conducted, except when receiving flight training from an authorized instructor on board an airship, and no person other than a required flight crewmember is carried on the aircraft.
- (C) A student pilot seeking a sport pilot certificate must comply with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of §61.89 and may not act as pilot in command—

- (1) Of an aircraft other than a light-sport aircraft;
- (2) At night;
- (3) At an altitude of more than 10,000 feet MSL; and
- (4) In Class B, C, and D airspace, at an airport located in Class B, C, or D airspace, and to, from, through, or on an airport having an operational control tower without having received the ground and flight training specified in §61.94 and an endorsement from an authorized instructor.

Student Pilot - Seeking a sport pilot certificate: Operations at airports within, and in airspace located within, Class B, C, and D airspace, or at airports with an operational control tower in other airspace.

In accordance with 61.94 --

(a) A student pilot seeking a sport pilot certificate who wants to obtain privileges to operate in Class B, C, and D airspace, at an airport located in Class B, C, or D airspace, and to, from, through, or at an airport having an operational control tower, must receive and log ground and flight training from an authorized instructor in the following aeronautical knowledge areas and areas of operation:

- (1) The use of radios, communications, navigation systems and facilities, and radar services.
- (2) Operations at airports with an operating control tower, to include three takeoffs and landings to a full stop, with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern, at an airport with an operating control tower.
- (3) Applicable flight rules of part 91 of this chapter for operations in Class B, C, and D airspace and air traffic control clearances.
- (4) Ground and flight training for the specific Class B, C, or D airspace for which the solo flight is authorized, if applicable, within the 90-day period preceding the date of the flight in that airspace. The flight training must be received in the specific airspace area for which solo flight is authorized.
- (5) Ground and flight training for the specific airport located in Class B, C, or D airspace for which the solo flight is authorized, if applicable, within the 90-day period preceding the date of the flight at that airport. The flight and ground training must be received at the specific airport for which solo flight is authorized.

(b) The authorized instructor who provides the training specified in paragraph (a) of § 61.94 must provide a logbook endorsement that certifies the student has received that training and is proficient to conduct solo flight in that specific airspace or at that specific airport and in those aeronautical knowledge areas and areas of operation specified in § 61.94.

PROCEDURES. A student pilot certificate can be issued by a designated aviation medical examiner as part of a medical certificate. However, an aviation safety inspector (ASI) and designated pilot examiner (DPE) can issue student pilot certificates with no medical.

The following procedures are established for this pilot certification activity:

A. Schedule Appointment. Advise the applicant to bring the following documents and records to the appointment:

- (1) Airman will complete an Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application, FAA Form 8710-11, in ink or typewritten and must be signed by the applicant.
- (2) The applicant must show an acceptable form of photo identification [*i.e.*, §61.3(a)(2)].

B. Aircraft Category. Determine which category of aircraft the applicant intends to fly.

- (1) If glider or balloon, the applicant will complete FAA Form 8710-1 or 8710-11, as applicable.
- (2) If airplane, gyroplane, weight-shift control aircraft, powered parachute, or airship, and the applicant is seeking a sport pilot certificate, he or she must hold a valid medical certificate issued under part 67 or a current and valid U.S. driver's license.

(a) If an applicant does not have a medical certificate, and it is required, inform the applicant that a medical certificate must be obtained. Advise the applicant to make an appointment with an aviation medical examiner for FAA Form 8420-2, Student Medical Certificate. Also, inform the applicant that the application may be resubmitted for a student pilot certificate, FAA Form 8710-2 if they obtained a medical certificate only.

(b) If an applicant has a valid medical certificate, provide the applicant with FAA Form 8710-1, or FAA Form 8710-11. Explain what must be filled out.

C. Applicant Arrives for Appointment. The Examiner shall collect and review the documents and records listed in paragraph 5b.

D. Review Application. The Examiner ⁽¹⁾ shall verify that the information on FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 is accurate, legible, and complete.

⁽¹⁾ Examiner implies a Designated Pilot Examiner, Sport Pilot Examiner or Aviation Safety Inspector.

(1) In Section I on the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 application, the Examiner shall ensure that the applicant has checked "Student Pilot".

(2) The Examiner shall ensure that the remainder of the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 is completed properly.

E. The Examiner shall verify applicant's identity.

F. Establish Eligibility. The Examiner shall determine if the applicant meets the specific eligibility as established in § 61.83.

G. Discrepancies. If a discrepancy exists in any of the documents and cannot be immediately corrected, the Examiner shall return the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 application and all submitted documents to the applicant.

(1) The Examiner shall inform the applicant of the reasons for ineligibility and explain how the applicant may correct the discrepancies.

(2) The Examiner and applicant may mutually agree on a rescheduling appointment date.

H. Applicant Meets Requirements. If the applicant meets all of the requirements for a student pilot certificate --

(1) Prepare the certificate in duplicate.

(2) Sign and have the applicant sign, in ink, both the original and the carbon copy.

(3) Issue the original to the applicant.

(4) Inform the applicant that the certificate expires two years after the date it was issued, on the last day of the month.

(5) Enter the following operating limitation (when appropriate) on the space provided on the student pilot certificate:

(a) Enter "Not valid for flights requiring the use of radio" if the applicant is hearing-impaired or speech-impaired.

I. Complete the Certification File.

(1) The Examiner shall complete the following information under the Designated Examiner or Airman Certification Representative Report:

(a) The Examiner shall check the second block indicating the examiner verified the qualifications of the applicant.

(b) Complete the remainder of the date and examiner's information on the last line.

(c) Forward completed file to the FSDO.

(2) The Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) shall complete the following information in the Aviation Safety Inspector or Technician Report of the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 application:

(a) The ASI shall check the boxes "Student Pilot certificate issued" on the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 application.

(b) The ASI shall date and complete the remainder of the ASI's information on the last line of the FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11 application.

(3) Forward completed file to AFS-760.

(a) Carbon Copy of FAA Form 8710-2.

(b) Signed FAA Form 8710.1 or 8710-11.

Student Pilot- Seeking a Sport Pilot Certificate - Endorsements

Prior to a local Solo place in log book:

1. Presolo aeronautical knowledge: § 61.87(b)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has satisfactorily completed the presolo knowledge exam of § 61.87(b) for the (make and model aircraft). *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

2. Presolo flight training: § 61.87(c)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required presolo training in a (make and model aircraft). I have determined he/she has demonstrated the proficiency of § 61.87(*) and is proficient to make solo flights in (make and model aircraft). *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

* Use following letter for category of aircraft:

(d) Airplane (g) Gyroplane (i) Glider (J) Airship (k) Balloon (L) PPC (m) WSC

3. Solo flight (1st 90-day period): § 61.87(n) (2)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training to qualify for solo flying. I have determined he/she meets the applicable requirements of § 61.87(n) and is proficient to make solo flights in (make and model). *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

4. Solo flight (each additional 90-day period): § 61.87(p) (1) (v)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training to qualify for solo flying. I have determined he/she meets the applicable requirements of § 61.87(p) and is proficient to make solo flights in (make and model). *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

5. Solo takeoffs and landings at another airport within 25 NM: § 61.93(b) (1)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.93(b)(1). I have determined that he/she is proficient to practice solo takeoffs and landings at (airport name). The takeoffs and landings at (airport name) are subject to the following conditions: (List any applicable conditions or limitations.) *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

Prior to 1st X-Country Solo place in log book: (Instructor that did the Training)

6. Initial solo cross-country flight Training: § 61.93(c) (1)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required solo cross-country training. I find he/she has met the applicable requirements of § 61.93, and is proficient to make solo cross-country flights in a (make and model aircraft). *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

Prior to each Solo X-country flight: (Any Instructor that reviews the flight planning)

7. Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c) (2)

I have reviewed the cross-country planning of (First name, MI, Last name). I find the planning and preparation to be correct to make the solo flight from (location) to (destination) via (route of flight) with landings at (name the airports) in a (make and model aircraft) on (date). (List any applicable conditions or limitations.) *J. J. Jones, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06*

8. Repeated solo cross-country flights not more than 50nm from the point of departure: §61.93(b) (2)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training in both directions between and at both (airport names). I have determined that he/she is proficient of § 61.93(b)(2) to conduct repeated solo cross-country flights over that route, subject to the following conditions: (List any applicable conditions or limitations.) *J. J. Jones*, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06

9. Solo flight in Class B, C, and D airspace: § 61.94(a) (required each additional 90-day period)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.94 (a). I have determined he/she is proficient to conduct solo flights in (name of Class B, C, or D) airspace. (List any applicable conditions or limitations.) *J. J. Jones*, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06

10. Solo flight to, from, or at an airport located in Class B, C, or D airspace or on an airport having an operational control tower: §§ 61.94(a) and 91.131(b)(1) (required each additional 90-day period)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.94 (a) (1). I have determined that he/she is proficient to conduct solo flight operations at (name of airport) located in Class B, C, or D airspace or on an airport having an operational control tower. (List any applicable conditions or limitations.) *J. J. Jones*, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06

Sport Pilot Endorsements for

1. Taking Aeronautical Knowledge Test: §§ 61.35(a) (1) and 61.309

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.309. I have determined that he/she is prepared for the (category and class) knowledge test.

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2. Taking Flight Proficiency Check For an Additional Category Or Class Of Aircraft: §§ 61.321

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of §§ 61.309 and 61.311. I have determined that he/she is prepared for the (category and class) proficiency check.

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3. Passing Flight Proficiency Check For an Additional Category Or Class Of Aircraft: §§ 61.321

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has met the training and endorsement requirements of §§ 61.309 and 61.311. I have determined him/her proficient to act as PIC of (category or class) (make and model aircraft) (Set Number - See Aircraft Set Table below, i.e. AP-1) of light-sport aircraft.

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4. Taking Sport Pilot Practical Test §§ 61.309, 61.311 and 61.313

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of §§ 61.309, 61.311 and met the experience requirements of 61.313. I have determined that he/she is prepared for the (category and class) practical test.

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5. Passing the Sport Pilot Practical Test: §§ 61.309 And 61.311 (Required by 61.317 issued by a DPE)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has met the training and endorsement requirements of §§ 61.309, 61.311 and 61.313. I have determined him/her proficient to act as PIC of (category and class) (make and model aircraft) (Set Number - See Aircraft Set Table below, i.e. AP-1) of light-sport aircraft.

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6. Ultralight Pilots Transitioning with Ultralight Organizations under § 61.329

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has presented a certified letter from an FAA recognized ultralight organization that states he/she is qualified to act as PIC in (category and class) (make and model aircraft) (Set Number - See Aircraft Set Table below, i.e. AP-1) aircraft in accordance with 61.329(b).

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7. Class B, C, Or D Airspace, At An Airport Located In Class B, C, Or D Airspace, Or To, From, Through, Or On An Airport Having An Operational Control Tower: §61.325

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.325. I have determined he/she is proficient to conduct operations in Class (B, C, or D) airspace, at an airport located in Class (B, C, or D) airspace, or to, from, through, or on an airport having an operational control tower.

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Note: Student only receives the class or classes of airspace (B, C, or D) for which the student has received both ground and flight training.

8. Light-Sport Aircraft That Has A V_H Greater Than 87 Knots CAS: § 61.327

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.327 in a (make and model aircraft). I have determined him/her proficient to act as PIC of a light-sport aircraft that has a V_H greater than 87 knots CAS. *J. J. Jones*, 12-25-2004 J. J. Jones 610610CFI 12-06

9. Privileges To Operate A Make And Model Of Aircraft In The Same Category And Class Within A Different Set Of Aircraft: § 61.323

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.323 in a (make and model aircraft) (Set Number - See Aircraft Set Table below, i.e. AP-1). I have determined him/her proficient to act as PIC of that light-sport aircraft.

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Sets of aircraft for make and model endorsements

Airplane								
Land				Sea		Land		Sea
87 KCAS VH or BELOW				87 KCAS VH and ABOVE				
Tricycle gear	Tailwheel	Ski equipped	Float equipped	Tricycle gear	Tailwheel	Ski equipped	Float equipped	
AP-1	AP-2	AP-3	AP-4	AP-5	AP-6	AP-7	AP-8	

Gyroplane					
Tractor	Pusher, Fully enclosed, side-by-side seating	Pusher, Fully enclosed, single or tandem seating	Pusher, Not Fully enclosed, side-by-side seating	Pusher, Not Fully enclosed, single or tandem seating	
GP-1	GP-2	GP-3	GP-4	GP-5	

Powered Parachute					
Square Wing			Elliptical Wing		
Land	Sea		Land	Sea	
PP-1	PP-2		PP-3	PP-4	

Weight-shift Controlled					
Land			Sea		
Tricycle gear	Ski equipped		Float equipped		
WS-1	WS-2		WS-3		

Glider			
Non-powered		Self-launch	
GL-1		GL-2	

Light-than-air (Balloon-AirShip)			
Gas		With airborne heater	
LTA-1		LTA-2	

Private Pilot Endorsements

1. Aeronautical Knowledge Test: §§ 61.35(a)(1), 61.103(d), and 61.105

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.105. I have determined he/she is prepared for the (category and class) knowledge test.

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2. Flight Proficiency/Practical Test: §§ 61.103(f), 61.107(b), and 61.109

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of §§ 61.107 and 61.109. I have determined he/she is prepared for the (category and class) practical test.

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Flight Instructor with a Sport Pilot Rating Endorsements For
(Class for flight instructor does not include land and sea, examples include airplane single engine, weight shift control, powered parachute).

1. Taking The Fundamentals Of Instructing Knowledge Test: §§ 61.405(a)(1)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.405(a)(1). I have determined that he/she is prepared for the Fundamentals Of Instruction Knowledge Test.

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2. Taking Sport Pilot CFI - Aeronautical Knowledge Test: §§ 61.35(a) (1) and 61.405(a)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.405(a)(2). I have determined that he/she is prepared for the (category and class) knowledge test.

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3. Taking The Flight Instructor Flight Proficiency Check To Provide Training If A Different Category Or Class Of Aircraft- (Additional Category/Class): §§ 61.419 and 61.409

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of §§ 61.419 and 61.409. I have determined he/she is prepared for the CFI – sport pilot (aircraft category and class, i.e. ase, ppc, wsc) proficiency check.

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4. Passing The Flight Instructor Flight Proficiency Check To Provide Training In A Different Category Or Class Of Aircraft - (Additional Category/Class): §§ 61.419 And 61.409

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has met the training and endorsement requirements of §§ 61.419 and 61.409. I have determined that he/she is proficient in the areas of operation and authorized for the additional (category and class, i.e. ase, ppc, wsc) flight instructor privilege.

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5. Taking The Flight Instructor Practical Test: §§ 61.409 and 61.411

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of §§ 61.409 and met the aeronautical experience requirements of 61.411. I have determined he/she is prepared for the CFI – sport pilot (aircraft category and class, i.e. ase, ppc, wsc) Practical Test.

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**6. Passing the Flight Instructor Practical Test: §§ 61.409 And 61.411
(Required by 61.417 issued by a DPE)**

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has met the training and experience requirements of §§ 61.409 and 61.411. I have determined that he/she is proficient in the areas of operation and authorized for the (category and class, i.e. ase, ppc, wsc) flight instructor privilege.

Paula Morris, 12-25-2004 Paula Morris (pilot cert. #)(DPE designation # and exp. date)

7. Spin Training: § 61.405(b)(1)(ii)

(Airplane and glider only)

I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of § 61.405(b)(1)(ii). I have determined that he/she is competent and possess instructional proficiency in stall awareness, spin entry, spins, and spin recovery procedures

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NOTE: The above spin training endorsement is required of flight instructor applicants for the airplane and glider ratings only.