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PART 141 vs. PART 61

AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

TWO PATHS.
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PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE (PPL)

Minimum Flight Hour Requirements

National average time to complete a PPL: **around 60 hours.**
Times vary based on individual progress, training consistency and weather.

PART 141

14 CFR Part 141, Appendix B, Secs. 4-5

35 hours total flight time (includes **5 hours solo**)

- **20 hours dual instruction** (includes):
  - 3 hr. cross-country
  - 3 hr. night training
  - One cross-country over 100 NM
  - 10 takeoffs and landings to a full stop (in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower
  - 3 hr. solo flight in preparation for practical test (within 60 days)
- **5 hours solo flight time** (included in total **35 hours**):
  - One solo cross-country over 100 NM
  - 3 landings at a minimum of 3 points
  - One segment over a 50 NM straight-line distance
  - 3 takeoffs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower

PART 61

14 CFR 61.109

40 hours total flight time (includes **10 hours solo**)

- **20 hours dual instruction** (includes):
  - 3 hr. cross-country
  - 3 hr. night training
  - One cross-country over 100 NM
  - 10 takeoffs and landings to a full stop (in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower
  - 3 hr. solo flight in preparation for practical test (within 2 calendar months)
- **10 hours solo flight time** (included in total **40 hours**):
  - 5 hr. solo cross-country
  - One solo cross-country over 150 NM
  - 3 full-stop landings at 3 points
  - One segment over a 50 NM straight-line distance
  - 3 takeoffs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower

INSTRUMENT RATING (Initial)

Key Requirements

PART 141

14 CFR 141, Appendix C, Secs. 2, 4

- Hold a current private pilot certificate (airplane rating)
- **35 hr. of instrument training**
- Training from a CFI including at least one cross-country flight:
  - 250 NM along airways (ATC route) (100 NM straight-line segment)
  - Instrument approach at each airport
  - Three different kinds of approaches using navigation systems

PART 61

14 CFR 61.65

- Hold a current private pilot certificate (airplane rating)
- **50 hr.** cross-country as PIC (10 hr. must be in an airplane)
- **40 hr.** actual or simulated instrument time (15 hr. from a CFI)
- One cross-country flight under IFR (250 NM, approaches at each airport, three different kinds of approaches)
- 3 hr. in an airplane within 2 calendar months before the practical test

COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE (Single-Engine Land)

Minimum Flight Hour Requirements

PART 141

14 CFR 141, Appendix D, Secs. 4-5

120 hours total flight time (under the approved Part 141 course)

- **55 hr. flight training (from a CFI)**
  - 10 hr. instrument training (5 hr. in a single-engine)
  - 10 hr. in complex, turbine, and/or TAA airplane
  - Two 2-hr. cross-country flights (>100 NM) – day and night
  - 3 hr. in a single-engine within 60 days of test
- **10 hr. solo time (or 10 hr. flight time as PIC)**
  - One cross-country (> 250 NM, 3 points)
  - 5 hr. night VFR (10 takeoffs and landings, incl. 1 at a tower)

PART 61

14 CFR 61.129

250 hours total flight time (includes previous flight experience)

- 100 hr. in powered aircraft (50 hr. in airplane)
- 100 hr. as PIC (50 hr. in airplanes, 10 hr. cross-country)
- **20 hr. flight training**
  - 10 hr. instrument training (5 hr. in a single-engine)
  - 10 hr. in complex, turbine, and/or TAA airplane
  - Two 2-hr. cross-country flights (>100 NM) – day and night
  - 3 hr. in a single-engine within 2 months of test
- **10 hr. solo time (or 10 hr. flight time as PIC)**
  - One cross-country (> 250 NM, 3 points)
  - 5 hr. night VFR (10 takeoffs and landings, incl. 1 at a tower)

- The figures above are FAA minimum requirements for the applicable certificates and ratings.
- **The 250 hours for a Part 61 Commercial certificate is a total flight time requirement**, which includes qualifying flight experience accumulated during previous training (e.g., PPL and Instrument). You do not necessarily need to fly 250 additional hours at the commercial stage.
- Actual training time may be higher based on individual progress, training consistency, aircraft and instructor availability, and weather conditions.

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