



Requirements for Becoming a Light-Sport Pilot

Age, Medical, Training, and Testing Guidelines

Age and Medical Requirements

- Minimum Age: 17 years old for most types of aircraft; 16 years old for gliders or balloons.
- English Proficiency: Candidates must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English.
- Medical Certification: Applicants must have either a valid third-class medical certificate or a valid U.S. driver's license (if operating light-sport aircraft other than gliders or balloons).

Training Requirements

- Total Flight Time: Minimum of 20 hours of flight time required.
- Dual Instruction: At least 15 hours of flight training with a certified flight instructor.
- Solo Flight: At least 5 hours of solo flight time.
- Cross-Country Flights:
 - Minimum of 2 hours of cross-country flight training.
 - At least one solo cross-country flight of at least 75 nautical miles, including full-stop landings at a minimum of two points. At least one segment of this flight must be at least 25 nautical miles long.

Practical Test Preparation/ Ground: At least 20.6 hours of flight training specifically preparing for the practical (flight) test.

Ground Training: Provided by a flight instructor along with Cessna Training Application.



Testing Requirements

- Knowledge Test: Applicants must pass a written knowledge test covering applicable aeronautical knowledge areas.
- Practical Test: Applicants must pass a practical (flight) test administered by an FAA inspector or a designated pilot examiner.

Other Considerations

- Student Pilot Certificate: Prospective pilots must obtain a student pilot certificate before starting flight training.
- Specific Aircraft Requirements: Training and testing requirements may vary depending on the type of light-sport aircraft you intend to operate; additional requirements may apply.

Requirements for Operating a Motor Vehicle or Light-Sport Aircraft with a U.S. Driver's License under 14 CFR 61.23(c)(2)

Summary of Legal and Medical Compliance Obligations

When an individual operates a motor vehicle or seeks to exercise privileges under certain aviation regulations using a valid U.S. driver's license, they must adhere to a combination of state, judicial, and federal requirements. The following outlines these obligations:



Compliance with Driver's License Restrictions and Legal Orders

- The person must obey all restrictions and limitations specified by their current and valid U.S. driver's license. This includes any conditions related to corrective lenses, vehicle modifications, or other stipulations noted on the license.
- They must observe any judicial or administrative orders that pertain to their authority to operate a motor vehicle. Such orders might include license suspensions, court-imposed driving limitations, or administrative restrictions resulting from violations or health concerns.

14 CFR 61.23(c)(2) Requirements for Light-Sport Aircraft Operations

To operate a light-sport aircraft under the provisions of 14 CFR 61.23(c)(2) using a U.S. driver's license as evidence of medical eligibility, a person must meet the following conditions:

- **Eligibility for Medical Certification:** The individual must have been found eligible for at least a third-class airman medical certificate at the time of their most recent application, if they have previously applied for a medical certificate.
- **Medical Certificate Status:** If the person has ever held a medical certificate, their most recently issued medical certificate must not have been suspended or revoked, and any Authorization for a Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate must not have been withdrawn.
- **Medical Self-Assessment:** The person must not know or have reason to know of any medical condition that would make them unable to safely operate a light-sport aircraft. This requires honest self-assessment of health and physical fitness before each flight.



- Minimum 15 hours dual instruction: \$ 4,185.00
 - Practical Test Preparation/Ground training 20.6 /hrs.: \$ 1,895.20
 - 5 hours solo flight hours: \$ 935.00
 - Cessna CTA Course Training App.: \$ 424.00
- Estimated Total: \$ 7,439.20

NOTE: Written and Practical Test Fees will be paid to the testing parties directly by the student, this should be budgeted separately from the Program. {These costs will vary} The above Program cost is an estimate as each student learns at their on unique pace.