

INSTRUMENT PROFICIENCY CHECK (IPC) [§ 61.57(d)]

NAME:

START DATE:

(1)	A person who has failed to meet the instrument experience requirements [6 instrument approaches, holding procedures, & intercepting/tracking courses] of this section for more than 6 calendar months may reestablish instrument currency only by completing an IPC. The IPC must include the areas of operation contained in the applicable Airman Certification Standards [FAA-S-ACS-8, Instrument Rating—Airplane].
(2)	The IPC must be—(i) In an appropriate aircraft category; (ii) In a flight training device that is representative of the aircraft category
(3)	The IPC must be given by—(i) An examiner; (iv) An authorized instructor

Currency Requirements and Guidance for the IPC [AC 61-98E (10/30/24), Chapter 5]

5.1.2	As specified in FAA-S-ACS-8, part of the IPC may be conducted in an FAA-approved Aviation Training Device (ATD). Guidance on what tasks can be accomplished in an ATD is located in the instrument ACS. Note: Advanced ATDs (AATD) and basic ATDs (BATD) are the two categories of FAA-approved ATDs. Only AATDs may be used for the IPC. Review the ATD Letter of Authorization (LOA) for specific credit allowances.
5.2.2	Evaluation of the Pilot's Instrument Flight Proficiency. In order to fully evaluate the pilot's skills under normal operating conditions, the flight instructor may wish to have the pilot conduct a short IFR cross-country flight with at least part of the flight conducted "in the system" under IFR.

Instrument Rating-Airplane ACS - Instrument Proficiency Check [FAA-S-ACS-8C (Nov 2023), Page 29]

A pilot must meet the standards established in this ACS. As a minimum, they must demonstrate the ability to perform the Tasks listed in the table below. The instructor should develop a scenario that incorporates as many required Tasks as practical to assess the pilot's ADM and risk management skills.

Area	Task	Description [Area of Operation: Task]	Completion Dates
III	B	ATC Clearances and Procedures: <i>Holding Procedures</i>	
IV	B	Flight by Reference to Instruments: <i>Recovery from Unusual Flight Attitudes</i>	
V	A	Navigation Systems: <i>Intercepting and Tracking Navigational Systems and DME Arcs</i>	
VI	A	Instrument Approach Procedures: <i>Non-precision Approach</i>	
	B	Instrument Approach Procedures: <i>Precision Approach</i>	
	C	Instrument Approach Procedures: <i>Missed Approach</i>	
	D	Instrument Approach Procedures: <i>Circling Approach*</i>	
	E	Instrument Approach Procedures: <i>Landing from an Instrument Approach*</i>	
VII	D	Emergency Operations: <i>Approach with Loss of Primary Flight Instrument Indicators</i>	
VIII	A	Postflight Procedures: <i>Checking Instruments and Equipment</i>	

*An AATD can be utilized for the majority of the IPC as specified in the device LOA. However, the **circling approach and landing Tasks must be accomplished in an aircraft**. A BATD cannot be used for any part of the IPC.

Certification: Pilots and Flight and Ground Instructors [AC 61-65H (8/27/18), Page A-18]

A.67	No logbook entry reflecting unsatisfactory performance on an instrument proficiency check is required.	Endorsement Date
	"I certify that [First name, MI, Last name], [grade of pilot certificate], [certificate number], has satisfactorily completed the instrument proficiency check of § 61.57(d) in a [make & model] on [date]."	

IPC CHECKLIST

STEP 1: Preparation

- Complete the "Pilot's Instrument Experience Summary" Form
- Review Assignment: FAASafety.gov WINGS - IPC Preparation Course (ALC-38 "Instrument Proficiency Check Review Guide")
- Plan a Cross-Country (paper or digital - weather, w&b, perf charts, fuel, alternates, rwy lengths, terrain avoidance)

STEP 2: Ground Review

- FAR Part 91 & AIM Regulatory Review
- Cross-Country Flight Plan Review
- IFR Procedures Review: Pre/Postflight, Taxi, Takeoff, Departure, En Route, Arrival, Approach, Missed Approach, ATC, & Emergencies
- Risk Management & Personal Minimums

STEP 3: Flight Activities

- Aircraft Systems & IFR Procedures (*see ACS Task table for requirements*)
- Basic Instrument Flying Skills & Recovery from Unusual Attitudes
- ATC Clearances & Procedures: IFR Clearances and Compliance with Departure, En Route, and Arrival Procedures and Clearances
- Navigation Systems: Intercepting/Tracking Navigational Systems and Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) Arcs
- Stabilized Approaches and Landing
- Emergency Operations: Loss of Communications and Loss of Primary Flight Instrument Indications
- Aeronautical Decision-Making (ADM)

STEP 4: Post-Flight Discussion

- Replay, Reflect, Reconstruct, Redirect
- Questions

STEP 5: Aeronautical Health Maintenance & Improvement Plan

- Personal Minimums Checklist
- Personal Instrument Training and Proficiency Plan (if desired)
- Resources List