



# Green Castle Aero Club

## Private Pilot Checkride Checklist

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**Purpose:** Ensure you are fully prepared to meet with the DPE for your PPL practical test.

**Instructions:** Complete this checklist in its entirety. Build a binder with copies of important information and anything that helps organize the requirements. Use colored tabs (sticky notes) to annotate/highlight information in your logbook. This will enable the DPE to quickly and easily locate all of the necessary information at the beginning of the checkride. Failure to meet all of these requirements may result in a termination of the test before it even begins.

### I. **Binder** (use copies to keep everything organized; bring required items as necessary)

- Student Documentation
  - Medical Certificate
  - Student Pilot Certificate
  - Driver's License (or other Government-issued ID)
  - Original Knowledge Test Report
  - IACRA Login ID & Password
- Aircraft Airworthiness
  - Airworthiness Certificate
  - Valid Registration
  - Operating Limitations – Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH) and/or Owner's Manual
  - Valid Annual Inspection (within previous 12-calendar months)
  - Airworthiness Directives (AD) (ensure they'll be current on the day of the practical test)

*Note: 100-hr inspections are not required since Green Castle members are also owners of the airplanes*
- Cross-Country (XC) Planning & Preparation
  - XC Planning Worksheet
  - Weather Products (current & forecast for departure, enroute, & arrival)
- Weight & Balance
  - Certified Weight & Balance Sheet
  - Completed weight & balance calculations for XC plan
  - Blank copy of a weight & balance worksheet

### II. **Logbook** (use colored tabs to highlight for quick reference)

- Flight Times
  - Total Flight Time [40-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_
  - Total Dual [20-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_
    - Dual XC (> 50 NM straight-line) [3-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_ [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
    - Dual Night [3-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_ [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
      - One Night, Dual XC Over 100 NM Total Distance [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
      - 10 Takeoffs & Full-Stop Landings on Night, Dual XC Flights [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
    - Dual Basic Attitude Instrument [3-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_ [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
    - Dual Practical Test Prep w/in Preceding 2-Cal Mos [3-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_ [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
  - Total Solo [10-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_
    - Solo XC Time (> 50 NM straight-line) [5-hrs min] \_\_\_\_\_ [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
    - One Solo XC Over 150 NM Total Distance, Full-Stop Landings at 3 Points, & One Segment with a Straight-Line Distance Over 50 NM between 2 Landing Locations [Color \_\_\_\_\_]
    - 3 Takeoffs & Full-Stop Landings at an Airport with a Control Tower [Color \_\_\_\_\_]



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- 14 CFR part 61, § 61.107(b)(1) Flight proficiency. Areas of operation. [ASEL] [Color \_\_\_\_\_ ]
  - (i) Preflight preparation
  - (ii) Preflight procedures
  - (iii) Airport operations
  - (iv) Takeoffs, landings, and go-arounds
  - (v) Performance maneuvers
  - (vi) Ground reference maneuvers
  - (vii) Navigation
  - (viii) Slow flight and stalls
  - (ix) Basic instrument maneuvers
  - (x) Emergency operations
  - (xi) Night operations
  - (xii) Postflight procedures
- § 61.87(d) Solo req'ts for student pilots. Maneuvers/procedures [pre-solo flt trg, ASEL] [Color \_\_\_\_\_ ]
  - (1) Flight preparation procedures; preflight planning & preparation, powerplant operation, & aircraft systems
  - (2) Taxiing or surface operations, including runups
  - (3) Takeoffs and landings, including normal and crosswind
  - (4) Straight and level flight, and turns in both directions
  - (5) Climbs and climbing turns
  - (6) Airport traffic patterns, including entry and departure procedures
  - (7) Collision avoidance, windshear avoidance, and wake turbulence avoidance
  - (8) Descents, with and without turns, using high and low drag configurations
  - (9) Flight at various airspeeds from cruise to slow flight
  - (10) Stall entries from various attitudes & power combinations; recovery initiated at first indication & full stall
  - (11) Emergency procedures and equipment malfunctions
  - (12) Ground reference maneuvers
  - (13) Approaches to a landing area with simulated engine malfunctions
  - (14) Slips to a landing
  - (15) Go-arounds
- AC 61-65J Endorsements (ensure all have CFI #, signature, & date)
  - A.1 Prerequisites for practical test: § 61.39(a)(6)(i) and (ii)
  - A.2 Review of deficiencies identified on airman knowledge test: § 61.39(a)(6)(iii)
  - A.3 Pre-solo aeronautical knowledge: § 61.87(b)
  - A.4 Pre-solo flight training: § 61.87(c)(1) and (2)
  - Ensure these endorsements will be current on the day of the practical test:
    - A.6 Solo flight (first 90-calendar-day period): § 61.87(n)
    - A.7 Solo flight (each additional 90-calendar-day period): § 61.87(p)
    - A.9 Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c)(1) and (2)
    - A.10 Solo cross-country flight: § 61.93(c)(3)
  - A.14 Endorsement of U.S. citizenship: 49 CFR part 1552, § 1552.15(c)
  - A.32 Aeronautical knowledge test: §§ 61.35(a)(1), 61.103(d), and 61.105
  - A.33 Flight proficiency/practical test: §§ 61.103(f), 61.107(b), and 61.109

### III. Other

- Hood or Foggles for Instrument Flight
- Miscellaneous Personal Gear and Equipment
- Current Charts and Publications
- IACRA Practical Test Application Filed (ensure DPE has access)