

Light Sport Rating

- Must be 17 years of age
- Read/speak English
- Pass a written knowledge test
- Pass a practical flight test

Minimum hours required: 20 hours

- **15 hours instruction** including
2 hours cross country flight
10 takeoff/landings to a full stop
2 hours in prep for practical test
- **5 hours solo** including
1 solo cross country of 75 miles total
with full stop landings at 2 points
with one straight segment more than
25 miles between points

Privileges and Restrictions of Light Sport:

- May share expenses with passenger
- May carry only one passenger
- No night permitted
- May not operate in Class A, B, C or D airspace or outside the U.S.
- May not operate above 10,000 ft MSL
- Flight visibility must be above 3 statute miles.
- May fly any sport aircraft with cruise performance of less than 87 kts/100 mph. After training and endorsement may fly light sport aircraft with cruise speeds in excess of 87 kts/100 mph.
- Flight time may be used towards a private pilot rating.

Does not require an FAA medical certificate. Must have a current and valid drivers license and comply with any restrictions on the license (wear glasses, etc).

Private Pilot Rating

- Must be 17 years of age
- Read/speak English
- Pass a written knowledge test
- Pass a practical flight test
- Must hold at least a Third Class medical or be under Basic Med rules.

Minimum hours required: 40 hours

- **20 hours instruction** including
3 hours cross country flight
3 hours night flight including one cross country of over 100 nm and 10 takeoff/landings to a full stop.
3 hours flight by reference to instruments
3 hours prep for practical test
- **10 hours of solo** time including
5 hours solo cross country flight including one flight of 150 nm total with full stop landings at three points with one straight line segment of more than 50 nm
3 take off and landings to a full stop at operating control tower

Privileges and Restrictions of Private Pilot:

- May share expenses with passengers
- Act as pilot of any aircraft category/class for which they rated.
- Receive additional endorsements after training for high performance or complex aircraft. Or add category/class ratings.
- Operate at night
- Operate in all airspace (Class A with instrument rating).
- Operate outside the U.S.