

**BULLETIN 09-01 FOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS
TOPICS FROM JULY 15, 2009 FAA MEETING**

LOGGING GROUND INSTRUCTION

As most of you are aware, examiners have been placing increased emphasis on thorough and correct records for ground instruction. The goal is to achieve compliance with the regulations covering the subject: Refer to 61.51 and 61.189.

How and where these training records are logged has been the subject of some discussion. The Designated Pilot Examiners have sought clarification from the FAA District Office and have now resolved what we are looking for when reviewing an applicant's records for a practical test. The objective is to have records signed by the instructors which list training in all the aeronautical knowledge areas and ground instruction related to flight maneuvers shown in the applicable regulation, e.g. for Private Pilots: 61.105 (b) 1-13 and 61.107 (b) 1 (i-xii).

This can be maintained in flight school records and signed off as each section is completed, as found in Part 141 schools, or on a single summary sheet maintained in student files, as long as the appropriate instructor dates and signs it upon completion of an area or areas. If the training summary is part of the flight school records, the student should have a copy for his or her own records.

References within the logbook with a column labeled “ground instruction” are acceptable as long as the text lists the appropriate subject area covered. The time spent should also be noted in all entries.

One all inclusive statement without detailed areas being listed and not referenced in any other training record is not acceptable. **Not acceptable, an entry such as:** “20 hours of ground per 61.105.”

The required endorsement for the practical test is **not adequate to cover the required logging of ground instruction per 61.51 and 61.189.**

WORDING OF ENDORSEMENTS FOR STUDENTS, PRACTICAL TESTS

We have had discussions concerning what wording is correct for endorsements and what variations are acceptable. Some alternative endorsements have been offered to the public. The FAA District Office has determined the wording of the AC 61.65e endorsements are the acceptable form and that modifications are not appropriate. Please use the Advisory Circular itself to achieve the correct wording. Verify that anything preprinted in a logbook is consistent with these.

USE OF “SUPERVISED SOLO” MULTIENGINE FLIGHT TIME FOR PIC

61.129(b) – 10 hours of supervised multiengine time do count for multi PIC time in any context. For example it would count toward the 15 hours PIC required for an MEI applicant.

GPS ONLY EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT FOR A PRACTICAL TEST

Applicants who want to take a private pilot practical test in an aircraft which has only GPS for navigation may do so. This is acceptable according to the Practical Test Standards.

AIRCRAFT INSPECTION SUMMARY SHEET

It is recommended that flight schools prepare a blank form on which applicants can review the airworthiness requirements for aircraft. Applicants should complete this before the practical test and should present it to the examiner with the initial paperwork. After the test begins, they will be asked to show the specific log entries that prove the summarized items. Applicants may use tabs to expedite the presentation of entries and should be familiar with the location of elements like the ELT requirements. All logbooks should be presented as well as the evidence of compliance with Airworthiness Directives.