§ 61.189 Flight instructor records.

(a) A flight instructor must sign the logbook of each person to whom that instructor has given flight training or ground training.

(b) A flight instructor must maintain a record in a logbook or a separate document that contains the following:
   (1) The name of each person whose logbook or student pilot certificate that instructor has endorsed for solo flight privileges, and the date of the endorsement; and
   (2) The name of each person that instructor has endorsed for a knowledge test or practical test, and the record also indicate the kind of test, the date, and the results.

(c) Each flight instructor must retain the records required by this section for at least 3 years.

§ 61.191 Additional flight instructor ratings.

(a) A person who applies for an additional flight instructor rating on a flight instructor certificate must meet the eligibility requirements listed in §61.183 of this part that apply to the flight instructor rating sought.

(b) A person who applies for an additional rating on a flight instructor certificate is not required to pass the knowledge test on the areas listed in §61.185(a)(1) of this part.

§ 61.193 Flight instructor privileges.

A person who holds a flight instructor certificate is authorized within the limitations of that person’s flight instructor certificate and ratings to train and issue endorsements that are required for:

(a) A student pilot certificate;
(b) A pilot certificate;
(c) A flight instructor certificate;
(d) A ground instructor certificate;
(e) An aircraft rating;
(f) An instrument rating;
(g) A flight review, operating privilege, or recency of experience requirement of this part;
(h) A practical test; and
(i) A knowledge test.

§ 61.195 Flight instructor limitations and qualifications.

A person who holds a flight instructor certificate is subject to the following limitations:

(a) Hours of training. In any 24-consecutive-hour period, a flight instructor may not conduct more than 8 hours of flight training.

(b) Aircraft Ratings. A flight instructor may not conduct flight training in any aircraft for which the flight instructor does not hold:
   (1) A pilot certificate and flight instructor certificate with the applicable category and class rating; and
   (2) If appropriate, a type rating.

(c) Instrument Rating. A flight instructor who provides instrument training for the issuance of an instrument rating, a type rating not limited to VFR, or the instrument training required for commercial pilot and airline transport pilot certificates must hold an instrument rating on his or her pilot certificate and flight instructor certificate that is appropriate to the category and class of aircraft used for the training provided.

(d) Limitations on endorsements. A flight instructor may not endorse a:
   (1) Student pilot’s certificate or logbook for solo flight privileges, unless that flight instructor has—
      (i) Given that student the flight training required for solo flight privileges by this part; and
      (ii) Determined that the student is prepared to conduct the flight safely under known circumstances, subject to any limitations listed in the student’s logbook that the instructor considers necessary for the safety of the flight.
   (2) Student pilot’s certificate and logbook for a solo cross-country flight, unless that flight instructor has determined the student’s flight preparation, planning, equipment, and proposed procedures are adequate for the proposed
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flight under the existing conditions and within any limitations listed in the logbook that the instructor considers necessary for the safety of the flight;

(3) Student pilot’s logbook for solo flight in a Class B airspace area or at an airport within Class B airspace unless that flight instructor has—
   (i) Given that student ground and flight training in that Class B airspace or at that airport; and
   (ii) Determined that the student is proficient to operate the aircraft safely.

(4) Logbook of a recreational pilot, unless that flight instructor has—
   (i) Given that pilot the ground and flight training required by this part; and
   (ii) Determined that the recreational pilot is proficient to operate the aircraft safely.

(5) Logbook of a pilot for a flight review, unless that instructor has conducted a review of that pilot in accordance with the requirements of § 61.56(a) of this part; or

(6) Logbook of a pilot for an instrument proficiency check, unless that instructor has tested that pilot in accordance with the requirements of § 61.57(d) of this part.

(g) Position in aircraft and required pilot stations for providing flight training.

(1) A flight instructor must perform all training from in an aircraft that complies with the requirements of § 91.109 of this chapter.

(2) A flight instructor who provides flight training for a pilot certificate or rating issued under this part must provide that flight training in an aircraft that meets the following requirements—
   (i) The aircraft must have at least two pilot stations and be of the same category, class, and type, if appropriate, that applies to the pilot certificate or rating sought.
   (ii) For single-place aircraft, the presolo flight training must have been provided in an aircraft that has two pilot stations and is of the same category, class, and type, if appropriate.

(h) Qualifications of the flight instructor for training first-time flight instructor applicants.

(1) The ground training provided to an initial applicant for a flight instructor certificate must be given by an authorized instructor who—
   (i) Holds a ground or flight instructor certificate with the appropriate rating, has held that certificate for at least 24 calendar months, and has given at least 40 hours of ground training; or
   (ii) Holds a ground or flight instructor certificate with the appropriate rating, and has given at least 100 hours of ground training in an FAA-approved course.

(2) Except for an instructor who meets the requirements of paragraph (h)(3)(ii) of this section, a flight instructor who provides training to an initial applicant for a flight instructor certificate must—
   (i) Meet the eligibility requirements prescribed in § 61.183 of this part;
   (ii) Hold the appropriate flight instructor certificate and rating;
   (iii) Have held a flight instructor certificate for at least 24 months;
   (iv) For training in preparation for an airplane, rotorcraft, or powered-lift rating, have given at least 200 hours of flight training as a flight instructor; and
   (v) For training in preparation for a glider rating, have given at least 80 hours of flight training as a flight instructor.

(3) A flight instructor who serves as a flight instructor in an FAA-approved course for the issuance of a flight instructor rating must hold a flight instructor certificate with the appropriate rating and pass the required initial and recurrent flight instructor proficiency tests, in accordance with the
requirements of the part under which
the FAA-approved course is conducted,
and must—

(i) Meet the requirements of para-
graph (h)(2) of this section; or

(ii) Have trained and endorsed at
least five applicants for a practical test
for a pilot certificate, flight instructor
certificate, ground instructor certifi-
cate, or an additional rating, and at
least 80 percent of those applicants
passed that test on their first attempt;
and

(A) Given at least 400 hours of flight
training as a flight instructor for
training in an airplane, a rotorcraft, or
for a powered-lift rating; or

(B) Given at least 100 hours of flight
training as a flight instructor, for
training in a glider rating.

(i) Prohibition against self-endorse-
ments. A flight instructor shall not
make any self-endorsement for a cer-
tificate, rating, flight review, author-
ization, operating privilege, practical
test, or knowledge test that is required
by this part.

(j) Additional qualifications required to
give training in Category II or Category
III operations. A flight instructor may
not give training in Category II or Cat-
egory III operations unless the flight
instructor has been trained and tested
in Category II or Category III oper-
ations, pursuant to §61.67 or §61.68 of
this part, as applicable.

(k) Training for night vision goggle op-
erations. A flight instructor may not
give training for night vision gog-
gle operations unless the flight instruc-
tor:

(1) Has a pilot and flight instructor
certificate with the applicable cat-
egory and class rating for the training;

(2) If appropriate, has a type rating
on his or her pilot certificate for the
aircraft;

(3) Is pilot in command qualified for
night vision goggle operations, in ac-
cordance with §61.31(k);

(4) Has logged 100 night vision goggle
operations as the sole manipulator of
the controls;

(5) Has logged 20 night vision goggle
operations as the sole manipulator of
the controls in the category and class,
and type of aircraft, if aircraft class
and type is appropriate, that the train-
ing will be given in;

(6) Is qualified to act as pilot in com-
mmand in night vision goggle operations
under §61.57(f) or (g); and

(7) Has a logbook endorsement from
an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector or a
person who is authorized by the FAA to
provide that logbook endorsement that
states the flight instructor is author-
ized to perform the night vision goggle
pilot in command qualification and re-
cent flight experience requirements
under §61.31(k) and §61.57(f) and (g).

§61.197 Renewal requirements for
flight instructor certification.

(a) A person who holds a flight in-
structor certificate that has not ex-
pired may renew that flight instructor
certificate by—

(1) Passing a practical test for—

(i) One of the ratings listed on the
current flight instructor certificate; or

(ii) An additional flight instructor
rating; or

(2) Submitting a completed and
signed application with the FAA and
satisfactorily completing one of the
following renewal requirements—

(i) A record of training students
showing that, during the preceding 24
calendar months, the flight instructor
has endorsed at least 5 students for a
practical test for a certificate or rating
and at least 80 percent of those stu-
dents passed that test on the first at-
tempt.

(ii) A record showing that, within the
preceding 24 calendar months, the
flight instructor has served as a com-
pany check pilot, chief flight instruc-
tor, company check airman, or flight
instructor in a part 121 or part 135 oper-
ation, or in a position involving the
regular evaluation of pilots.

(iii) A graduation certificate showing
that, within the preceding 3 calendar
months, the person has successfully
completed an approved flight instruc-
tor refresher course consisting of
ground training or flight training, or a
combination of both.

(iv) A record showing that, within the
preceding 12 months from the
month of application, the flight in-
structor passed an official U.S. Armed