

# **Flight Instructor Checkride with Max Gurgew**

## **General Information**

Your appointment will begin with qualification of both the applicant and airplane. I am required to insure you meet the minimum flight/experience and training requirements appropriate to the certificate or rating sought. Additionally, we will review the aircraft documents for your airplane regarding airworthiness compliance.

The test will be conducted as per the appropriate Practical Test Standard (PTS). You need to be familiar with this document, and be knowledgeable in ALL of the AREAS OF OPERATION and their TASKS appropriate for the certificate and rating you are seeking. You should also be familiar with the SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS found in the PTS/ACS.

On the scheduled date, please arrive slightly earlier than your appointed time. We will want to begin our session at the appointment time.

Please have with you, as a minimum, the following items/documentation:

- FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application, completed and (if required) signed by instructor. The use of IACRA is preferred.
  - If IACRA - Applicant's FTN & Application ID No.
  - You will also need your IACRA user name and password
- Original knowledge test(s) results
- Identification - Photo/signature I.D. (valid Driver's License, or valid US Passport)
- Pilot Certificate
- Medical Certification
  - FAA or Military medical certificate
  - If Basic Med, please bring all documents for that election, i.e., on-line BasicMed medical education course completion certificate, Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist, copy of FAA medical certificate which was valid after July 14th, 2006, and a U.S. issued and valid driver's license. (I will make copies of these documents; for the comprehensive checklist, I will only copy the

signature blocks, so, if you would like to bring a copy of those two signature blocks, that would be helpful)

- Flight time records and requirements
  - Insure applicable requirements of Part 61 are met
    - Meets minimum flight times appropriate to the certificate/rating sought
    - Additional summary sheets highlighting the dates/hours which are used to meet the Part 61 requirements will be helpful
    - We will need to locate all logged flight time required for the certificate; if using military experience, insure military flight time is transcribed into acceptable logbook or bring military flight records to supplement the logbook.
  
- Required logbook endorsements
  - See the appropriate instructor endorsements found in AC 61.65H
  
  - These required endorsements will include the 61.39 endorsements # 1 and # 2 found in AC-61.65H and other knowledge and training endorsements appropriate to the CFI practical (i.e., initial, CFII add, MEI add, etc.)
  
- **Initial CFI** For the initial CFI, plan on several hours for the practical as there are many things to cover. Remember, as a CFI, you'll be teaching em' green, brand new students. Your knowledge and expertise together with an ability to "teach" is critical in this role. Know stuff! Have more than a general understanding of aerodynamics, operating rules, weather, runway markings, the Private and Commercial pilot ACS, use of endorsements, student pilot process, and all the stuff in your Flight Instructor PTS/ACS. Bring reference material, backup information, discussion materials or some lesson plans for maneuvers.

### **Things to bring:**

- Aircraft - certificates, logbooks, and equipment
  - a. Bring airframe, powerplant, and propeller maintenance logbooks
    - i. A sheet summarizing inspection status, ADs, etc. will be helpful
    - ii. You may want to tab the current inspections in the logbook for easy access
  - b. Insure aircraft is airworthy; current inspections, ADs, placards, etc.
  - c. Check for all required placards in the aircraft
  - d. Insure aircraft has the four required documents on board.

- Make sure aircraft weight and balance form reflects the current configuration of equipment and avionics
  
  - e. Have on-board the appropriate aircraft flight manual or other required operating manuals and limitations
  - f. Insure any inoperative equipment has been addressed IAW FAR 91.213
  - g. Verify the aircraft possesses operable navigation equipment appropriate for the tasks required by the PTS/ACS
- View limiting device
  - Current aeronautical charts, procedures, flight plans, publications, as appropriate (electronic charts are suitable if valid; prefer paper backup as well)
  - Current AIM
  - Any weather charts and weather briefings appropriate for the flight if desired
  - If you using some simulator/training device time for your total instrument time, please provide the simulator/training device type and a copy of the FAA approval letter.
  - Fee: My fee for the CFI initial exam is: \$1000.00. Add on ratings to a CFI (CFII, MEI) is \$700.00 for the practical. I currently accept checks or cash.

In addition, please review the PTS/ACS checklist for other required items/equipment to bring with you.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you in pursuit of your next adventure! My contact information:

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