

Weight Shift Private Pilot Rules

For a weight-shift-control aircraft rating. A person who applies for a private pilot certificate with a weight-shift-control rating must log at least 40 hours of flight time that includes at least 20 hours of flight training with an authorized instructor and 10 hours of solo flight training in the areas of operation listed in §61.107(b)(10) and the training must include at least—

- (1) Three hours of cross-country flight training in a weight-shift-control aircraft;
- (2) Except as provided in §61.110, 3 hours of night flight training in a weight-shift-control aircraft that includes—
 - (i) One cross-country flight of over 75 nautical miles total distance that includes a point of landing that is a straight-line distance of more than 50 nautical miles from the original point of departure; and
 - (ii) Ten takeoffs and landings (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport;
- (3) Three hours of flight training with an authorized instructor in a weight-shift-control aircraft in preparation for the practical test, which must have been performed within the preceding 2 calendar months from the month of the test;
- (4) Ten hours of solo flight time in a weight-shift-control aircraft, consisting of at least—
 - (i) Five hours of solo cross-country time; and
 - (ii) One solo cross-country flight over 100 nautical miles total distance, with landings at a minimum of three points, and one segment of the flight being a straight line distance of at least 50 nautical miles between takeoff and landing locations; and
- (5) Three takeoffs and landings (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) in an aircraft at an airport with an operating control tower.