

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL GLIDER PILOT CERTIFICATES

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PILOT TIME: that time in which a person — - serves as a required flight crewmember; - receives training from and authorized flight instructor; or, - gives training as an authorized flight instructor.	TRAINING TIME: training received — - in flight by an authorized flight instructor; or, - on the ground by an authorized instructor.
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FLIGHT TRAINING: training, other than ground training, received from an authorized flight instructor in flight, in an aircraft.

GROUND TRAINING: training, other than flight training, received from an authorized instructor.

Commercial Pilot-Glider: FAR 61.121 - 61.133

- Age requirement: at least 18 years of age.
- Be able to read, speak, write, and understand English.
- Hold at least a Private Pilot Certificate (for heavier-than-air aircraft).
- **For initial certificate issuance**, pass a knowledge test (FAR 61.125) and practical test (FAR 61.127). The launch method(s) endorsed in the pilot's logbook (61.31(j)) determines on which type of launch(s) the pilot has demonstrated proficiency.
- **There are two levels of flight experience** required for issuance of a commercial certificate; (one or the other will qualify the candidate)
 1. At least 25 hours as a pilot in gliders, including;
 - a. 100 flights in gliders as pilot-in-command; and
 - b. 3 hours of flight training or 10 training flights in gliders; and,
 - c. 2 hours of solo flight to include not less than 10 solo flights; and,
 - d. 3 training flights in preparation for the flight-test.

Simply put, the applicant must have logged at least 25 hours in gliders and made at least 110 flights.

2. Have logged at least 200 hours in aircraft; including,
 - a. 20 flights in gliders as pilot-in-command; and,
 - b. 3 hours of flight training or 10 training flights; and,
 - c. 5 solo flights in a glider; and,
 - d. 3 training flights in preparation for the flight-test.

Simply put, an applicant with at least 200 hours in aircraft must have logged at least 3 hours and 30 flights in gliders ((20 flights as P-I-C; and in-addition-to flights required to qualify for solo privileges (which will vary from pilot to pilot), but generally at least 10 training flights)).