

SCENARIO 02

You just received your pilot's license, and a friend asks you to fly them to Fresno to see another friend. They offer to share the costs because they know you can only pay the pro rata share. What regulations and rules are you required to follow for receiving compensation, and can you legally conduct this flight?

SOURCE WINDOW

14 CFR 61.113(c) · AC 61-142

61.113(c): "A private pilot may not pay less than the pro rata share of the operating expenses of a flight with passengers, provided the expenses involve only fuel, oil, airport expenditures, or rental fees."

AC 61-142 common purpose test: whether, "but for the receipt of compensation, the pilot would not have taken that flight."

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SCENARIO 03

You decide to buy an airplane. You have selected a Cessna P210 despite your instructor advising against it. This airplane has 300 horsepower, retractable gear, a constant speed prop, flaps, and is pressurized. What does it take to legally and proficiently learn to operate that aircraft?

SOURCE WINDOW

14 CFR 61.31(e), (f), (g)

(f)(1): "no person may act as pilot in command of a high-performance airplane (an airplane with an engine of more than 200 horsepower), unless the person has ... Received a one-time endorsement in the pilot's logbook ..."

(e)(1): "no person may act as pilot in command of a complex airplane, unless the person has (i) Received and logged ground and flight training from an authorized instructor ... and (ii) Received a one-time endorsement ..."

(g)(1): "no person may act as pilot in command of a pressurized aircraft (an aircraft that has a service ceiling or maximum operating altitude, whichever is lower, above 25,000 feet MSL), unless that person has received and logged ground training ... and obtained an endorsement ..."

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SCENARIO 04

A friend of yours who has their pilot's license but has not flown in 10 years wants to get back into flying. What are all the things they will need to do to get current again, and how would you advise them to do it?

SOURCE WINDOW

14 CFR 61.56 · 61.57(a)(1)

61.56(a): "a flight review consists of a minimum of 1 hour of flight training and 1 hour of ground training."

61.57(a)(1): "no person may act as a pilot in command of an aircraft carrying persons ... unless that person has made at least three takeoffs and three landings within the preceding 90 days, and (i) The person acted as the sole manipulator of the flight controls; and (ii) The required takeoffs and landings were performed in an aircraft of the same category, class, and type (if a class or type rating is required) ..."

Also think about: medical or BasicMed status (61.23), and the gap between currency and proficiency.

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