

Lesson 39. Checkride preparation and document review

Ground 1.5 hr | Dual 0 hr | ACS all areas of operation, I to XII and XIV. This lesson claims no new task. It reviews the certificate as a whole

CFI CANDIDATE

DATE

SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR

AIRCRAFT

N41459 Warrior

Ground only

FLIGHT TIME

GROUND TIME

OBJECTIVE

The candidate leaves with every checkride document verified against its source requirement, a written action list for anything missing, a resolved ferry figure, and an understanding of what happens if they do not pass. Nothing procedural is left to be discovered on the morning of the test.

This is the first lesson in this program whose completion standard is not a taught presentation, and the exception is deliberate. Lesson 39 is administrative work done properly, with the candidate present, and pretending otherwise would produce a worse lesson. US-4.1's taught-presentation rule governs technical subject lessons. This is not one.

LESSON STEPS: THE ELEMENTS, IN TEACHING ORDER

Check each element as it is taught. Leave anything not done blank. Sign once at the bottom.

1. The application, and the manner this examiner wants it
61.13(a)(1), 61.39(a)(7)
2. Knowledge test reports: originals, validity, and the codes on them
61.39(a)(1)(i), 61.39(a)(2), 61.183(e), 61.183(f)
3. The four logbook endorsements, and which regulation requires each
61.183(d), 61.183(g), 61.183(i)(1), 61.39(a)(6)
4. The spin endorsement, checked line by line against what it must say
61.183(i)(1), policy/EXTERNAL-SPIN-MODULE.md
5. Personal documents and eligibility, including the items that surprise people
61.3(a), 61.23(a)(3)(iii), 61.183(c), 61.183(j)
6. Aircraft records for N41459, and inoperative equipment
91.203, 91.409, 91.411, 91.413, 91.417, 91.213, FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 3
7. The view limiting device, which the applicant furnishes
61.45(d)(2)
8. The examiner, the base airport, the ferry, and what it costs. Parameter P10
policy/CHECKRIDE-AIRCRAFT-AND-COST.md
9. The three outcomes of a practical test
FAA-S-ACS-25 Appendix 1, 61.43
10. Disapproval, discontinuance, partial credit, and the two clocks
61.43(e), 61.43(f), 61.39(g), 61.39(h), 61.49
11. The spin retest carve-out, and why it matters more here
61.49(b), 61.183(i)(2)
12. What North Aero does after an unsatisfactory result
policy/DISAPPROVAL-AND-DISCONTINUANCE.md, policy/REMEDIATION-VISIBILITY.md

COMPLETION STANDARDS

1. The candidate produces every document on policy/CHECKRIDE-DOCUMENT-CHECKLIST.md sections 1 to 5 physically, or the item is recorded as an action with an owner and a date. No item is left unresolved.

2. The candidate states, for at least six checklist items, the source requirement that item satisfies, without reading it off the checklist.
3. The candidate reads their own 61.183(i) spin endorsement and states whether it certifies instructional proficiency, naming that as distinct from certifying that training was received.
4. The candidate names the three possible outcomes of a practical test and states the difference between a notice of disapproval and a letter of discontinuance, including that a discontinuance is not a failure.
5. The candidate states what they would do if they failed a task partway through the test, choosing to continue or to stop, and gives a reason. Either answer meets this standard. Having no answer does not.
6. The candidate calculates both the 60 day credit clock and the 2 calendar month completion clock against their own booked test date, and states which one expires first.
7. The candidate states the ferry time and what they will pay for it, in hours against the school's hourly aircraft rate, having worked it out in the lesson.
8. The candidate states that a spin-related disapproval requires a retest in an airplane certificated for spins, and that N41459 is not established as one.

Standard 5 has no wrong answer and that is the point. It is testing whether they have made the decision in advance, not which decision they made. Falling short does not block lesson 40. No proficiency gate (Decision 9). It triggers policy/REMEDIATION-VISIBILITY.md. An unresolved item on the document checklist is different: that does not block a lesson, but per the checklist's own rule it can move the practical test, and a missing spin endorsement moves it without discussion.

DEBRIEF AND SIGN-OFF

Critique: the error, its probable cause, and the correction. Candidate self-critique first.

Sign once for the whole lesson. Elements left unchecked above were not taught this session.

SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE / INITIALS

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