

Lesson 42. Deficiency closure and the recommendation

Ground 0.5 hr | Dual 0 hr | ACS all areas of operation, I to XII and XIV. This lesson claims no new task. It confirms every one of them

Conducted by the candidate's Supervising Instructor. The mock was somebody else's. This decision is theirs

Standard: standards/MOCK-PRACTICAL.md for the deficiency list this lesson closes

CFI CANDIDATE

DATE

SUPERVISING INSTRUCTOR

AIRCRAFT

N41459 Warrior

Ground only

FLIGHT TIME

GROUND TIME

OBJECTIVE

Every row on the deficiency list is closed or consciously accepted, every applicable ACS area is PROFICIENT, every knowledge test code is confirmed closed, and the practical test recommendation is either written or deliberately withheld.

This is the shortest lesson in the program and it carries the largest decision in it. Half an hour, at the end of forty-one lessons, in which a human being says out loud that this candidate is ready to be assessed as a flight instructor.

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 deficiency list from lessons 40 and 41, row by row
standards/MOCK-PRACTICAL.md
2. Closure, acceptance, or deferral of each row, with a named human and a date
Cross-cutting requirement 9
3. The coverage matrix, area by area, Proficiency column
program/COVERAGE-MATRIX.md, US-8.1
4. The knowledge test deficiency log, confirmed closed
policy/KNOWLEDGE-TEST-DEFICIENCY-CLOSURE.md
5. The recommendation decision itself
61.39(a)(6)
6. The 61.39(a)(6) endorsement, written into the logbook
61.39(a)(6)(i), (ii), (iii)
7. The 2 calendar month recency window, and what happens if the test slips
61.39(a)(6)(i)
8. The day-before confirmation pass on the document checklist
policy/CHECKRIDE-DOCUMENT-CHECKLIST.md

COMPLETION STANDARDS

Standards 1 to 4 are conditions on the program, not on the candidate. Standards 5 to 8 are the candidate's.

1. Every row on the deficiency list from lessons 40 and 41 is marked closed, consciously accepted, or deferred with a date, each naming the human who decided and the date they decided. No row is left unresolved.
2. Every applicable ACS area in program/COVERAGE-MATRIX.md is at PROFICIENT, or the recommendation is withheld and the reason is recorded (US-8.1).
3. Every knowledge test deficiency code is confirmed closed, with the closing instructor and date recorded (US-7.3).
4. The recommendation is written or withheld as an explicit decision, stated out loud to the candidate, and recorded with the name of the person who made it and the date.
5. The candidate states which ACS area they would rate themselves lowest in, and why, before hearing the instructor's view.
6. The candidate reads the 61.39(a)(6) endorsement written in their logbook and states what it certifies, including that it certifies they are prepared for the practical test.

7. The candidate states the date the 2 calendar month training recency window expires for their booked test, and what happens if the test slips past it.
8. The candidate names at least one thing from the deficiency list they will keep working on after they hold the certificate, which is the list post-certificate mentorship inherits.

Standard 8 is not a formality. The deficiency list is written to survive certification, per US-8.2 and standards/MOCK-PRACTICAL.md, and a candidate who leaves this lesson believing the list is now finished has misunderstood what it is for. There is no falling short of this lesson in the usual sense. Standards 1 to 4 are conditions that are either met or the recommendation is withheld. If they are not met, the candidate is not blocked from anything except being tested, and the remediation that closes the gap runs under policy/REMEDIATION-VISIBILITY.md with its own hours.

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

DATE