

§ 61.409

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**§ 61.409 What flight proficiency requirements must I meet to apply for a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating?**

You must receive and log ground and flight training from an authorized instructor on the following areas of operation for the aircraft category and class in which you seek flight instructor privileges:

- (a) Technical subject areas.
- (b) Preflight preparation.
- (c) Preflight lesson on a maneuver to be performed in flight.
- (d) Preflight procedures.
- (e) Airport, seaplane base, and gliderport operations, as applicable.
- (f) Takeoffs (or launches), landings, and go-arounds.
- (g) Fundamentals of flight.
- (h) Performance maneuvers and for gliders, performance speeds.
- (i) Ground reference maneuvers (except for gliders and lighter-than-air).

- (j) Soaring techniques.
- (k) Slow flight (not applicable to lighter-than-air and powered parachutes).
- (l) Stalls (not applicable to lighter-than-air, powered parachutes, and gyroplanes).
- (m) Spins (applicable to airplanes and gliders).
- (n) Emergency operations.
- (o) Tumble entry and avoidance techniques (applicable to weight-shift-control aircraft).
- (p) Post-flight procedures.

**§ 61.411 What aeronautical experience must I have to apply for a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating?**

Use the following table to determine the experience you must have for each aircraft category and class:

If you are applying for a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating for . . .	Then you must log at least . . .	Which must include at least . . .
(a) Airplane category and single-engine class privileges,	(1) 150 hours of flight time as a pilot, .....	(i) 100 hours of flight time as pilot in command in powered aircraft, (ii) 50 hours of flight time in a single-engine airplane, (iii) 25 hours of cross-country flight time, (iv) 10 hours of cross-country flight time in a single-engine airplane, and (v) 15 hours of flight time as pilot in command in a single-engine airplane that is a light-sport aircraft.
(b) Glider category privileges,	(1) 25 hours of flight time as pilot in command in a glider, 100 flights in a glider, and 15 flights as pilot in command in a glider that is a light-sport aircraft, or. (2) 100 hours in heavier-than-air aircraft, 20 flights in a glider, and 15 flights as pilot in command in a glider that is a light-sport aircraft.	
(c) Rotorcraft category and gyroplane class privileges,	(1) 125 hours of flight time as a pilot, .....	(i) 100 hours of flight time as pilot in command in powered aircraft, (ii) 50 hours of flight time in a gyroplane, (iii) 10 hours of cross-country flight time, (iv) 3 hours of cross-country flight time in a gyroplane, and (v) 15 hours of flight time as pilot in command in a gyroplane that is a light-sport aircraft.
(d) Lighter-than-air category and airship class privileges,	(1) 100 hours of flight time as a pilot, .....	(i) 40 hours of flight time in an airship, (ii) 20 hours of pilot in command time in an airship, (iii) 10 hours of cross-country flight time, (iv) 5 hours of cross-country flight time in an airship, and (v) 15 hours of flight time as pilot in command in an airship that is a light-sport aircraft.
(e) Lighter-than-air category and balloon class privileges,	(1) 35 hours of flight time as pilot-in-command,	(i) 20 hours of flight time in a balloon, (ii) 10 flights in a balloon, and (iii) 5 flights as pilot in command in a balloon that is a light-sport aircraft.