conduct training for night vision goggle operations unless the flight instructor:

- (1) Has a pilot and flight instructor certificate with the applicable category and class rating for the training;
- (2) If appropriate, has a type rating on his or her pilot certificate for the aircraft;
- (3) Is pilot in command qualified for night vision goggle operations, in accordance with §61.31(k);
- (4) Has logged 100 night vision goggle operations as the sole manipulator of the controls;
- (5) Has logged 20 night vision goggle operations as the sole manipulator of the controls in the category and class, and type of aircraft, if aircraft class and type is appropriate, that the training will be given in;
- (6) Is qualified to act as pilot in command in night vision goggle operations under §61.57(f) or (g); and
- (7) Has a logbook endorsement from an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector or a person who is authorized by the FAA to provide that logbook endorsement that states the flight instructor is authorized to perform the night vision goggle pilot in command qualification and recent flight experience requirements under §61.31(k) and §61.57(f) and (g).

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§61.197 Renewal requirements for flight instructor certification.

- (a) A person who holds a flight instructor certificate that has not expired may renew that flight instructor certificate by—
 - (1) Passing a practical test for—
- (i) One of the ratings listed on the current flight instructor certificate; or
- (ii) An additional flight instructor rating; or
- (2) Submitting a completed and signed application with the FAA and satisfactorily completing one of the following renewal requirements—
- (i) A record of training students showing that, during the preceding 24 calendar months, the flight instructor has endorsed at least 5 students for a practical test for a certificate or rating and at least 80 percent of those stu-

dents passed that test on the first attempt.

- (ii) A record showing that, within the preceding 24 calendar months, the flight instructor has served as a company check pilot, chief flight instructor, company check airman, or flight instructor in a part 121 or part 135 operation, or in a position involving the regular evaluation of pilots.
- (iii) A graduation certificate showing that, within the preceding 3 calendar months, the person has successfully completed an approved flight instructor refresher course consisting of ground training or flight training, or a combination of both.
- (iv) A record showing that, within the preceding 12 months from the month of application, the flight instructor passed an official U.S. Armed Forces military instructor pilot proficiency check.
- (b) The expiration month of a renewed flight instructor certificate shall be 24 calendar months from—
- (1) The month the renewal requirements of paragraph (a) of this section are accomplished; or
- (2) The month of expiration of the current flight instructor certificate provided—
- (i) The renewal requirements of paragraph (a) of this section are accomplished within the 3 calendar months preceding the expiration month of the current flight instructor certificate, and
- (ii) If the renewal is accomplished under paragraph (a)(2)(iii) of this section, the approved flight instructor refresher course must be completed within the 3 calendar months preceding the expiration month of the current flight instructor certificate.
- (c) The practical test required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section may be accomplished in a flight simulator or flight training device if the test is accomplished pursuant to an approved course conducted by a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter.

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