

# Commercial Pilot Requirements – ASEL

## Eligibility – 61.123

- 18 years old
- Able to read, speak, write, and understand English
- Hold at least a private pilot certificate

## Knowledge and Flight Proficiency

- Pass knowledge test on subjects in 61.125
- Receive ground and flight training on subjects in 61.127(b)(1)
  - Preflight preparation
  - Preflight procedures
  - Airport operations
  - Takeoffs, landings, and go-arounds
  - Performance maneuvers
  - Ground reference maneuvers
  - Navigation
  - Slow flight and stalls
  - Emergency operations
  - High-altitude operations
  - Postflight procedures
- Pass the practical test

## Aeronautical Experience – 61.129(a)

- 250 hours total flight time
  - 50 hours may be in an approved simulator
  - 100 hours in powered aircraft
    - 50 hours in airplanes
  - 100 hours PIC
    - 50 hours in airplanes
    - 50 hours cross-country
      - 10 hours in airplanes
  - 20 hours **dual** flight training on subjects in 61.127(b)(1)
    - 10 hours instrument
      - 5 hours in ASEL
    - 10 hours in a complex or turbine-powered airplane
    - One cross-country flight in ASEL in day VFR conditions of at least 2 hours and a straight-line distance of more than 100 nm
    - One cross-country flight in ASEL in night VFR conditions of at least 2 hours and a straight-line distance of more than 100 nm
    - 3 hours training in ASEL in preparation for the practical test within 60 days before the test
  - 10 hours **solo** flight training on subjects in 61.127(b)(1) in ASEL
    - One cross-country flight of not less than 300 nm total distance, with landings at a minimum of three points, one of which is a straight-line distance of at least 250 nm from the original departure point
    - 5 hours in night VFR conditions with 10 takeoffs and 10 landings – each involving a flight in the traffic pattern – at an airport with an operating control tower