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EXAMINATION PREREQUISITES

Prior to taking a written examination, an applicant for a flight crew permit, licence or rating shall meet the prerequisites for the examination set out in the personnel licensing standards with respect to CAR 401.13(1)

a) medical fitness;

b) identification;

c) a recommendation from the flight instructor who is responsible for the training of the applicant; and

d) experience.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

All subjects in this guide are considered to be important to applicants for the Private Pilot Licence–Aeroplane and may appear on the exam. Subject areas identified by a bullet (•) are essential knowledge areas that will be emphasized on the written examination.

EXAMINATION RULES

CAR 400.02 (1)

Except as authorized by an invigilator, no person shall, or shall attempt to, in respect of a written examination,

a) copy or remove from any place all or any portion of the text of the examination;

b) give to or accept from any person a copy of all or any portion of the text of the examination;

c) give help to or accept help from any person during the examination;

d) complete all or any portion of the examination on behalf of any other person; or

e) use any aid or written material during the examination.

(2) A person who commits an act prohibited under subsection (1) fails the examination and may not take any other examination for a period of one year.

TIME LIMITS

Examinations, including all sections of a sectionalized examination, that are required for the issuance of a permit or licence or for the endorsement of a permit or licence with a rating shall be completed during the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of the application for the permit, licence or rating.

REWRITING OF EXAMINATIONS

CAR 400.04 (1)

Subject to subsections (2) and (6), a person who fails an examination or a section of a sectionalized examination required for the issuance of a flight crew permit, licence, rating or foreign licence validation certificate is ineligible to rewrite the examination or the failed section for a period of

a) in the case of a first failure, 14 days;

b) in the case of a second failure, 30 days; and

c) in the case of a third or subsequent failure, 30 days plus an additional 30 days for each failure in excess of two failures, up to a maximum of 180 days.

EXAMINATION FEEDBACK

Feedback statements on the results letter will inform the candidate which questions were answered incorrectly.

Example of a Feedback Statement: Identify the atmospheric conditions favorable for thunderstorm formation.

EXAMINATIONS

FULL EXAMINATION

Applicants for the Private Pilot Licence–Aeroplane Category shall demonstrate their knowledge by writing a Transport Canada multiple-choice examination on subjects contained in this guide. Applicants must be able to read the examination questions in either English or French without assistance.

Examination	Questions	Time Limit	Pass Mark
Private Pilot–Aeroplane (PPAER)	100	3 hours	60%

This examination is sectionalized into four mandatory subject areas and requires an overall pass mark of 60%. As well, the candidate must achieve 60% in the following four subject areas:

Mandatory Subjects

AIR LAW	Air Law and Procedures
NAVIGATION	Navigation and Radio Aids
METEOROLOGY	Meteorology
AERONAUTICS - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	Airframes, Engines, and Systems Theory of Flight Flight Instruments Flight Operations Human Factors

Questions fall under one of the four mandatory subject areas. However, there may be occasions where knowledge from another section is required to arrive at the correct response. For example, a practical question on fuel calculations under NAVIGATION may require knowledge of VFR fuel requirements under AIR LAW.

Applicants who obtain less than 60% on the overall examination will, for licensing purposes, be required to rewrite the complete exam, as specified in CARs 421.26.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

Applicants who obtain 60% or more on the main examination (PPAER), but who fail one or more mandatory subject areas will be assessed a partial pass. During one sitting, they will be required to write supplementary examinations for each subject area failed. Details on the mandatory subject area supplementary examinations are as follows:

Examination	Questions	Time Limit	Pass Mark
AIR LAW (PALAW)	20	1 hour	60%
NAVIGATION (PANAV)	20	2 hours	60%
METEOROLOGY (PAMET)	30	1½ hours	60%
AERONAUTICS– GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (PAGEN)	30	1½ hours	60%

NOTE: When writing more than one supplementary examination, the maximum time allowed shall be the sum of the times indicated for each examination, not to exceed 3 hours.

HELICOPTER TO AEROPLANE EXAMINATION

Pilots who hold a valid Private, Commercial or Airline Transport Pilot Licence in the Helicopter Category and who wish to apply for a Private Pilot Licence–Aeroplane shall demonstrate their knowledge by writing the following Transport Canada multiple choice examination.

Examination	Questions	Time Limit	Pass Mark
Private Pilot Aeroplane –Alternate Category (PARAC)	35	1½ hours	60%

The PARAC examination is based on subjects contained in AIR LAW and AERONAUTICS - GENERAL KNOWLDEGE (Airframes, Engines and Systems, Theory of Flight, Flight Instruments and Flight Operations).

CONVERSION EXAMINATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FAA PILOT CERTIFICATE – AEROPLANE

Pilots who hold an FAA Private Pilot Certificate, Commercial or Airline Transport Pilot Certificate – Aeroplane, shall demonstrate their knowledge by writing the following Transport Canada multiple choice examination:

Examination	Questions	Time Limit	Pass Mark
Conversion - Private Pilot Licence – Aeroplane, (FAAPA)	20	1 hour	60%

The FAAPA examination is based on subjects contained in the following sections of this guide: AIR LAW and PROCEDURES.

AIR LAW

AIR LAW AND PROCEDURES

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THE PILOT AND THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

1 Personal health and fitness
2 Diet and nutrition
- 3 Medications (prescribed and over-the-counter)
  4 Substance abuse (alcohol and drugs)
  5 Pregnancy
  6 Heat and cold
  7 Noise and vibration
  8 Effects of smoking
- 9 Toxic hazards (including carbon monoxide)

AVIATION PSYCHOLOGY

1 The decision-making process
- 2 Factors that influence decision-making
- 3 Situational awareness
- 4 Stress
- 5 Managing risk
  6 Attitudes
  7 Workload – attention and information processing

PILOT – EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS RELATIONSHIP

1 Controls and displays – errors in interpretation and control
2 Errors in the interpretation and use of maps and charts
3 Correct use of check-lists and manuals

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

1 Communications with maintenance personnel, air traffic services and passengers
2 Operating pressures – family relationships and peer group

RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIAL

- Sample Examination for Private Pilot Licence (TP 13014E)
- Student Pilot Permit or Private Pilot Licence for Foreign and Military Applicants, Air Regulations (PSTAR) (TP 11919E)
- When in Doubt… Small and Large Aircraft - Aircraft Critical Surface Contamination Training (TP 10643E)
- Air Command Weather Manual (TP 9352E)
- Air Command Weather Manual (Supplement) (TP 9353E)
- Flight Training Manual
- Human Factors for Aviation - Basic Handbook (TP 12863E)
- Aeronautical Information Manual (TC AIM) (TP 14371E)
- *Canadian Aviation Regulations* (CARs)
- VFR Navigation Charts (VNC) / VFR Terminal Area Charts (VTA)
- Canada Flight Supplement (CFS)

The Study Guide (RIC-21) for the Radiotelephone Operator's Restricted Certificate (Aeronautical) is available free of charge from district offices of Industry Canada - Examination and Radio Licensing (http://www.strategis.gc.ca).

Information on textbooks and other publications produced by commercial publishers can be obtained through local flying training organizations, bookstores and similar sources.

ENQUIRIES

Information concerning the location of pilot training organizations and matters pertaining to flight crew licensing may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Regional Offices. A complete listing may be found at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/CivilAviation/General/Exams/Centres.htm