



CFII?

**What Does it Take to Become a CFII? -  
Can it be Done as an Initial Flight  
Instructor Rating? - YES!**

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### What it takes to be a CFII

It is typically done after the CFI-A

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### What it takes to be a CFII

It is required at many flight schools.

A CFII needs no time off to work on their rating

It slows the factory down

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**What it takes to be a CFII**

Training is very procedural  
Easier than CFI-A

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## What it takes to be a CFII

# The instrument rating has an ACS



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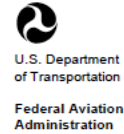
**Instrument Rating – Airplane  
Airman Certification Standards**

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## What it takes to be a CFII

## CFII has a PTS



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**FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT**  
**Practical Test Standards**  
**for**  
**Airplane Rating and Helicopter Rating**

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**What it takes to be a CFII**

**CFII can reinstate all instructor ratings**



# Additional Rating to an Existing Instructor Certificate:

61.191 refers back to 61.183 (eligibility)

61.183(c)(2) – Must hold an instrument rating on pilot cert

61.185(a)(3) - Instrument rating aeronautical knowledge

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## Eligibility:

§ 61.183



### §61.183 Eligibility requirements.

To be eligible for a flight instructor certificate or rating a person must:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language. If the applicant is unable to meet one of these requirements due to medical reasons, then the Administrator may place such operating limitations on that applicant's flight instructor certificate as are necessary;
- (c) Hold either a commercial pilot certificate or airline transport pilot certificate with:
  - (1) An aircraft category and class rating that is appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought; and
  - (2) An instrument rating or privileges on that person's pilot certificate that are appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought, if applying for—
    - (i) A flight instructor certificate with an airplane category and single-engine class rating;

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# Aeronautical Knowledge:

### §61.185 Aeronautical knowledge.

(a) A person who is applying for a flight instructor certificate must receive and log ground training from an authorized instructor on:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the fundamentals of instructing, including:

- (i) The learning process;
- (ii) Elements of effective teaching;
- (iii) Student evaluation and testing;
- (iv) Course development;
- (v) Lesson planning; and
- (vi) Classroom training techniques.

(2) The aeronautical knowledge areas for a recreational, private, and commercial pilot certificate applicable to the aircraft category for which flight instructor privileges are sought; and

(3) The aeronautical knowledge areas for the instrument rating applicable to the category for which instrument flight instructor privileges are sought.

# Additional Privileges:

Training for an instrument rating

Training for adding an instrument rating to existing I/R

IPC

Ten hours of instrument training for the Commercial Certificate

Recency of experience endorsement for an IGI

# Additional Privileges:

Training for the CFII as an additional rating

Training for CFII initial rating if qualified under 61.195(h)

Endorsement for the IRA, FII, knowledge tests

Knowledge test endorsements: IRA, CFII add-on, CFII initial

## Practical tests

How long is the training for an additional rating (CFII)?

Add on - 3-day class, 6 hours flight

How long is the training for initial?

Same Plus, two-day FOI class, 1.5 hrs spin training

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### What it takes to be a CFII

Must demonstrate Primary/Supporting or Control Performance Method

# Why do a CFII as an initial?

Less to know

No FOI for added CFI-A checkride – After passing CFII

Best fit for Airline pilots



# FARs that address CFII as an Initial

61.183(a)(2) – Instrument rating on a pilot certificate

Can't teach what you don't have

61.183(i) – Spin training/instructional proficiency endorsement

61.185(a)(1) - FOI and (a)(3) Aeronautical knowledge IFR

61.195(h) – Qualified instructor to train initial CFIs

# Qualified Flight Instructor for Initial CFI/CFII/MEI

- 2 years and 200 hours given or 400 hrs dual, 5 applicants (80% 1<sup>st</sup> time pass rate)
- Can only teach in a CFI/CFII initial 141 approved course

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# Qualified Flight Instructor for Initial CFI/CFII/MEI – Ground Only

AGI/CFI - 2 years and 40 hours given or  
100 hrs teaching any 141 approved course, 2 years not  
required

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CFI doing the training - Qualified for initial flight instructor regulations - 61.195(h)

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Practical test lessons - Usually Holding, BAI, Navigation, or an Approach

Per the new CFII PTS

Must wear view-limiting device for unusual attitude recoveries and non-precision approaches

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LPV meets the precision approach requirement—No DA limit is specified

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Circle to land location - Maintain the altitude until in a position from which a descent can be made - Implies downwind or base