



Instrument Oral Exam Guide

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With the following revisions that reflect regulation changes effective October 20, 2009, the *Instrument Oral Exam Guide, Seventh Edition* by Michael D. Hayes provides comprehensive preparation for the FAA Oral Exam for the Instrument rating.

Page Number	Question Number	Explanation
1-3	1	<p><i>Change the answer to read:</i></p> <p>A person who applies for an instrument–airplane rating must have logged the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">50 hours of cross-country flight time as PIC, of which 10 hours must have been in an airplane;40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time in the Part 61 areas of operation, of which 15 hours must have been received from an authorized instructor who holds an instrument airplane rating, and the instrument time includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 hours of instrument flight training from an authorized instructor in an airplane that is appropriate to the instrument–airplane rating within 2 calendar months before the date of the practical test;Instrument flight training on cross country flight procedures, including one cross country flight in an airplane with an authorized instructor, that is performed under IFR, when a flight plan has been filed with an air traffic control facility, and that involves a flight of 250 NM along airways or ATC-directed routing, an instrument approach at each airport, and 3 different kinds of approaches with the use of navigation systems.
1-5	5	<p><i>Change item a. in the answer to read:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Possess an appropriate medical certificate (the safety pilot is acting as a required crewmember).
<p><i>Note: The remaining changes apply to the Appendices.</i></p>		
A2-10	5	<p><i>Change the first sentence in the answer to read:</i></p> <p>An instrument proficiency check shall consist of the areas of operation and instrument tasks required in the instrument rating practical test standards.</p>
A2-13	13	<p><i>Change the first sentence in the answer to read:</i></p> <p>Specifically, an instrument proficiency check should consist of the areas of operation and instrument tasks required in the instrument rating practical test standards.</p>
A2-14	15	<p><i>Change item a. in the answer to read:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Hold at least a private pilot certificate with an airplane, helicopter, or powered-lift rating appropriate to the instrument rating sought;

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A2-16	18	<p><i>Change the answer to read:</i></p> <p>A person who applies for an instrument–airplane rating must have logged the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50 hours of cross-country flight time as PIC, of which 10 hours must have been in an airplane; 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time in the Part 61 areas of operation, of which 15 hours must have been received from an authorized instructor who holds an instrument airplane rating, and the instrument time includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours of instrument flight training from an authorized instructor in an airplane that is appropriate to the instrument-airplane rating within 2 calendar months before the date of the practical test; Instrument flight training on cross country flight procedures, including one cross country flight in an airplane with an authorized instructor, that is performed under IFR, when a flight plan has been filed with an air traffic control facility, and that involves a flight of 250 NM along airways or ATC-directed routing, an instrument approach at each airport, and 3 different kinds of approaches with the use of navigation systems.
A2-17	19	<p><i>Change item c. in the answer to read:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 10 hours of instrument time received in an aviation training device may be credited for the instrument time requirements of 14 CFR Part 61.
A2-18	22	<p><i>Change the answer to read:</i></p> <p>A flight instructor who provides instrument training for the issuance of an instrument rating, a type rating not limited to VFR, or the instrument training required for commercial pilot and airline transport pilot certificates, must hold an instrument rating on his or her pilot certificate and flight instructor certificate that is appropriate to the category and class of aircraft used for the training he or she is providing.</p>
A2-18	23	<p><i>Change the answer to read:</i></p> <p>No. A flight instructor who provides instrument training for the issuance of an instrument rating, a type rating not limited to VFR, or the instrument training required for commercial pilot and airline transport pilot certificates, must hold an instrument rating on his or her pilot certificate and flight instructor certificate that is appropriate to the category and class of aircraft used for the training he or she is providing.</p>
A3-4	—	<p><i>Change the first sentence in the second paragraph to read:</i></p> <p><i>Regulatory Review:</i> The regulations (14 CFR §61.57(d)) state that an IPC shall consist of the areas of operation and instrument tasks required in the instrument rating practical test standards.</p>
A3-19	—	<p><i>Change the first paragraph under References to read:</i></p> <p>Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, a person who does not meet the instrument experience requirements of paragraph (c) of this section within the 12 calendar months preceding the month of the flight may not serve as pilot in command under IFR or in weather conditions less than the minimums prescribed for VFR until having passed an instrument proficiency check that consists of the areas of operation and instrument tasks required in the instrument rating practical test standards.</p>



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