

# **Instrument Checkride with Max Gurgew**

## **General Information**

Your appointment will begin with qualification of both the applicant and airplane. I am required to insure you meet the minimum flight/experience and training requirements appropriate to the certificate or rating sought. Additionally, we will review the aircraft documents for your airplane regarding airworthiness compliance.

The test will be conducted as per the appropriate Airman Certification Standards (ACS). You need to be familiar with this document, and be knowledgeable in ALL of the AREAS OF OPERATION and their TASKS appropriate for the certificate and rating you are seeking. You should also be familiar with the SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS found in the ACS.

On the scheduled date, please arrive slightly earlier than your appointed time. We will want to begin our session at the appointment time.

Please have with you, as a minimum, the following items/documentation:

- FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application, completed and (if required) signed by instructor. The use of IACRA is preferred.
  - If IACRA:
    - Applicant's FTN & Application ID No.
    - You will also need your IACRA user name and password
- Original knowledge test results (if applicable)
- Identification - Photo/signature I.D. (valid Driver's License, valid US Passport)
- Pilot Certificate
- Medical Certification
  - FAA or Military medical certificate
  - If Basic Med, please bring all documents for that election, i.e., on-line BasicMed medical education course completion certificate,

Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist, copy of FAA medical certificate which was valid after July 14th, 2006, and a U.S. issued and valid driver's license. (I will make copies of these documents; for the comprehensive checklist, I will only copy the signature blocks, so, if you would like to bring a copy of those two signature blocks, that would be helpful) Flight time records and requirements (logbook, training folder, etc.)

- If a Part 141 School graduate, the original graduation certificate
- Insure applicable requirements of Part 61 (or Part 141 if appropriate) are met (Please verify ALL requirements are met !)
- Meets minimum flight times appropriate to the certificate/rating sought
  - Those Part 61 requirements/items mandating “must receive and log” are specifically documented in the logbook or other appropriate log.
  - Additional summary sheets highlighting the dates/hours which are use to meet the Part 61 requirements may be helpful
- Required endorsements
  - The appropriate instructor endorsement such as found in AC 61.65J
  - Training and Checkride endorsements

**The four checkride instructor endorsements for the Instrument Rating:**

1. Aeronautical knowledge: sections 61.35(a)(1), 61.65(a), and 61.35(b):

*I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of 61.65(b)(1-10). I have determined he/she is prepared for the Instrument Pilot Airplane Knowledge Test. /s/ [date] J. J. Jones 987654321CFI Exp. 12-31-13*

2. Flight proficiency/practical test: sections 61.65(c):

*I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received the required training of 61.65(c)(1-8). I have determined he/she is prepared for the Instrument Airplane Practical Test. /s/ [date] J. J. Jones 987654321CFI Exp. 12-31-13*

### 3. The first FAR Part 61.39 endorsement

*I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has received and logged training time within 2 calendar-months preceding the month of application in preparation for the practical test and he/she is prepared for the required practical test for the issuance of the Instrument Rating-Airplane.*

*/s/ [date] J. J. Jones 987654321CFI Exp. 12-31-19*

### 4. The second FAR Part 61.39 endorsement

*I certify that (First name, MI, Last name) has demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of the subject areas in which he/she was deficient on the Instrument Rating Airplane airman knowledge test.*

*/s/ [date] J. J. Jones 987654321CFI Exp. 12-31-19*

- Aircraft - certificates, logbooks, and equipment
  - Bring airframe, powerplant, and propeller maintenance logbooks. A sheet summarizing inspection status, ADs, etc. will be helpful. You may want to tab the current inspections in the logbook for easy access.
  - Insure aircraft is airworthy; current inspections, ADs, placards, etc.
  - Insure aircraft has the four required documents on board.
  - Make sure aircraft weight and balance form reflects the current configuration of equipment and avionics
  - Have on-board the appropriate aircraft flight manual or other required operating manuals and limitations
  - Insure any inoperative equipment has been addressed IAW FAR 91.213
- It is assumed your airplane to be used for the practical has standard avionics onboard to include an IFR approach approved GPS, VOR, ILS, mode C transponder, and ADS-B out. Please let me know if your airplane does not have any of this equipment.

- Please be familiar with the operation of all equipment in your airplane that is to be used. This includes the autopilot, if installed.
- Please insure your onboard GPS has a current database and that your VOR receiver check is within date.
- View limiting device, if applicable
- Current aeronautical charts, procedures, XC plans, flight plans, publications, approach plates, as appropriate
- Current AIM
- If required by your certificate or rating, I will provide, within two to three days prior to the checkride, a cross country flight for you to prepare. This may include a weight and balance calculation and other aircraft performance determinations. Please bring these completed.
- Weather charts appropriate for the flight and the selected cross country scenario, as appropriate, if you desire
- If you using some simulator/training device time for your total instrument time, please provide the simulator/training device type and a copy of the FAA approval letter
- Fees are found on my website. I currently accept checks or cash.

In addition, please review the ACS practical test checklist for other required items/equipment to bring with you.

Thank you. My contact information:

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