

Subpart 61.O—Night VFR ratings

Division 61.O.1—Privileges and requirements for grant of night VFR ratings

61.955 Privileges of night VFR ratings

Subject to Subpart 61.E and regulations 61.960 to 61.970, the holder of a pilot licence and a night VFR rating is authorised to pilot an aircraft at night under the VFR other than in:

- (a) an operation using a night vision imaging system; or
- (b) a night aerial application operation below 500 ft AGL.

Note: Subpart 61.E sets out certain limitations that apply to all pilot licences, and ratings and endorsements on pilot licences.

61.960 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—endorsements

The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to conduct an activity mentioned in column 2 of an item in table 61.980 only if the holder also holds the endorsement mentioned in column 1 of the item.

61.965 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—recent experience

The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to exercise the privileges of the rating in an aircraft of a particular category only if the holder has, within the previous 6 months:

- (a) conducted:
 - (i) at least one night take-off; and
 - (ii) at least one night landing;in an aircraft of that category while controlling the aircraft; or
- (b) been assessed as competent to conduct a flight at night in an aircraft of that category by a flight instructor who holds a night VFR training endorsement.

Note: See also regulation 61.395 for recent experience requirements for certain flight activities involving the carriage of passengers.

61.970 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—flight review

- (1) The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to pilot an aircraft of a particular category, other than a multi-engine aeroplane, at night under the VFR only if:
 - (a) the holder has successfully completed a flight review for the rating in an aircraft of the same category or an approved flight simulator for the flight review within the previous 24 months; or

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- (b) the holder has passed a flight test for the rating in an aircraft of the same category or an approved flight simulator for the flight test within the previous 24 months; or
 - (c) the holder has passed a flight test for the grant of a night VFR endorsement in an aircraft of the same category or an approved flight simulator for the flight test:
 - (i) within the previous 24 months; but
 - (ii) more than 6 months after passing the flight test for the rating; or
 - (d) the holder has successfully completed an operator proficiency check that covers night VFR operations in an aircraft of the same category within the previous 24 months; or
 - (e) both:
 - (i) the holder has, within the previous 24 months, successfully participated in an operator's training and checking system for an operation at night in an aircraft of the same category; and
 - (ii) the operator holds an approval under regulation 61.040 for the system for this subregulation and operations in aircraft of that category.
- (2) The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to pilot a multi-engine aeroplane at night under the VFR only if:
- (a) the holder has successfully completed a flight review for the rating in a multi-engine aeroplane or an approved flight simulator for the flight review within the previous 24 months; or
 - (b) the holder has passed a flight test for the rating in a multi-engine aeroplane or an approved flight simulator for the flight test within the previous 24 months; or
 - (c) the holder has passed a flight test for the grant of a night VFR endorsement in a multi-engine aeroplane or an approved flight simulator for the flight test:
 - (i) within the previous 24 months; but
 - (ii) more than 6 months after passing the flight test for the rating; or
 - (d) the holder has successfully completed an operator proficiency check that covers night VFR operations in a multi-engine aeroplane within the previous 24 months; or
 - (e) both:
 - (i) the holder has, within the previous 24 months, successfully participated in an operator's training and checking system for an operation at night in a multi-engine aeroplane; and
 - (ii) the operator holds an approval under regulation 61.040 for the system for this subregulation.

Note: For general rules in relation to flight reviews, see regulation 61.400.

61.975 Requirements for grant of night VFR ratings

- (1) An applicant for a night VFR rating must:

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- (a) hold a private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence or air transport pilot licence; and
- (b) meet the requirements for the grant of at least one endorsement mentioned in column 1 of an item in table 61.980.

Note: Paragraph (a) is satisfied if the applicant holds a certificate of validation of an overseas flight crew licence that is equivalent to a private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence or air transport pilot licence: see item 36 of Part 2 of the Dictionary.

(2) The applicant must also have:

- (a) as a pilot, at least 10 hours of aeronautical experience at night in an aircraft or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least 5 hours of dual cross-country flight time at night under the VFR in an aircraft; and
- (b) passed the flight test mentioned in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for the night VFR rating.

Note 1: For paragraph (a), for the determination of a person's flight time and other aeronautical experience, see Division 61.A.2.

Note 2: For paragraph (b), for the conduct of flight tests, see Division 61.B.4.

- (3) The dual cross-country flight time required by paragraph (2)(a) must comprise at least 2 flights, each of which must include at least one landing at an aerodrome, other than the aerodrome from which the flight began, that is remote from extensive ground lighting.

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61.980 Kinds of night VFR endorsement

The kinds of night VFR endorsement are set out in column 1 of table 61.980.

Table 61.980 Night VFR endorsements

Item	Column 1 Endorsement	Column 2 Activities authorised	Column 3 Requirements
1	Single-engine aeroplane night VFR endorsement	Pilot an aeroplane of the single-engine aeroplane class at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of an aeroplane or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least one hour of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits At least 3 hours of dual instrument time
2	Multi-engine aeroplane night VFR endorsement	Pilot an aeroplane at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of a multi-engine aeroplane or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least one hour of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits At least 3 hours of dual instrument time
3	Helicopter night VFR endorsement	Pilot a helicopter at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of a helicopter or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least 3 hours of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits At least 3 hours of dual instrument time in a helicopter or approved flight simulation training device for the purpose

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Item	Column 1 Endorsement	Column 2 Activities authorised	Column 3 Requirements
4	Powered-lift aircraft night VFR endorsement	Pilot a powered-lift aircraft at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of a helicopter or powered-lift aircraft or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least 3 hours of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits At least 3 hours of dual instrument time
5	Gyroplane night VFR endorsement	Pilot a gyroplane at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of a helicopter or gyroplane or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least 3 hours of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits At least 3 hours of dual instrument time
6	Airship night VFR endorsement	Pilot an airship at night under the VFR	At least 5 hours of aeronautical experience at night as pilot of an airship or an approved flight simulation training device for the purpose, including at least 3 hours of dual flight and one hour of solo night circuits

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Subject to Subpart 61.E and Division 61.O.1, the holder of an endorsement mentioned in column 1 of an item in table 61.980 is authorised to conduct the activity mentioned in column 2 of the item.

Note: Subpart 61.E sets out certain limitations that apply to all pilot licences, and ratings and endorsements on pilot licences.

61.990 Requirements for grant of night VFR endorsements

- (1) An applicant for an endorsement mentioned in column 1 of an item in table 61.980 must hold a night VFR rating.

Note: Subregulation (1) is satisfied, in relation to a required licence, rating or endorsement, if the applicant holds a certificate of validation of an overseas flight crew licence, rating or endorsement that is equivalent to the required licence, rating or endorsement: see item 36 of Part 2 of the Dictionary.

- (2) The applicant must also have:
- (a) completed flight training for the endorsement; and
 - (b) met the aeronautical experience requirements mentioned in column 3 of the item; and
 - (c) passed the flight test mentioned in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for the endorsement.

Note 1: For paragraph (a), for the requirements for flight training, see Division 61.B.2.

Note 2: For paragraph (b), for the determination of a person's flight time and other aeronautical experience, see Division 61.A.2.