

## 1) Ground School

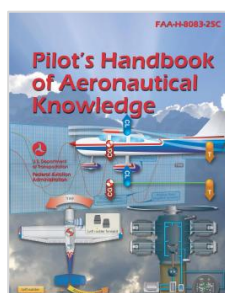
- Formal Ground School is not required per Part 61, but you will need to have an endorsement to take the test
- Multiple options available for online ground school → pick one and start before or during initial part of training
- Recommend **King Schools** ([www.kingschools.com](http://www.kingschools.com)): call them and ask for the 20% referral CFI discount
- Once received your endorsement, schedule the **PAR** exam (Private Pilot Airplane) at <https://faa.psiexams.com/>
- You need to score 70% minimum to pass the FAA test (but target for 90%+)

## 2) Books

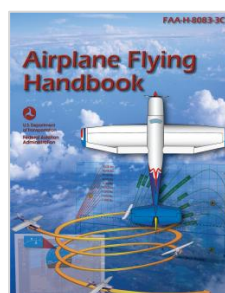
**ASA Knowledge Test Prep**  
(sold at Amazon.com)



**PHAK – Pilot’s Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge**  
(free PDF from faa.gov)



**AFH – Airplane Flying Handbook**  
(free PDF from faa.gov)



**Airplane POH/AFM**  
(PDF to be sent by the CFI)



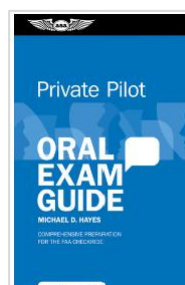
**FAR/AIM**  
(do not buy printed. Look for the ASA FAR/AIM app)



**ACS – Airman Certification Standards**  
(free PDF from faa.gov)



**Private Pilot – Oral Exam Guide (from ASA)**  
(sold at Amazon.com)



**Optional - helpful for PPL Commercial Instrument Pilot** (amazon.com)



## 3) Basic Gear

**Headset**  
(Recommend ASA-HS-1A)



**Foogles**  
(any type, see amazon.com)



**Pilot Logbook**  
(recommend ASA-SP30)



**Kneeboard**  
(the smaller the better)

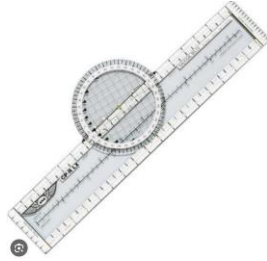


#### 4) Navigation and Planning Materials

**Seattle Sectional**  
(Either Sectional or TAC)



**Aviation Plotter**  
(recommend ASA)



**E6B Calculator**  
(recommend ASA)



**Alternative: Electronic E6B**  
(recommend ASA)



#### 5) Optional – Advanced Gear (not required, but you may want to consider – talk to your CFI about them)

**iPad Mini (GPS)**  
(Version 5 or later)



**Foreflight Subscription**  
(Basic)



**Sentry (normal or mini)**  
(for traffic awareness)



**Aviation Transceiver**  
(any brand)



#### 6) Documents to have Before Solo (recommend to get them ASAP)

##### Student Pilot Certificate

- Register at <https://iacra.faa.gov/>
- After registration, apply for Student Pilot cert.: look for “IACRA Student Pilot Application Tutorial” on youtube
- Meet with your CFI to finish the process in person

##### Medical Certificate

- Research 14 CFR Part 67 → Disqualifying conditions
- Look for an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME): <https://designee.faa.gov/designeeLocator>
- Contact the AME to schedule
- Before the visit, fill out your MedXpress form (<https://medxpress.faa.gov/>)

#### 7) Other recommended materials

- Youtube Channel from Embry-Riddle → <https://www.youtube.com/@ERAUSpecialVFR>
  - Particularly the playlist “**ERAU Private Pilot (P.A.C.E.)**”
- Google “**Cessna 172 Training Supplement**” from ATP Flight School (92 pages PDF) for maneuver explanations
- Download and install the free apps AeroWeather, Windy and LiveATC