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Airman Certification Standards**

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Foreword

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Safety Standards, Regulatory Support Division, Airman Testing Standards Branch, has published the Private Pilot for Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating Airman Certification Standards (ACS) to communicate the aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and flight proficiency standards for private pilot certification in the Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating.

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Introduction

Airman Certification Standards Concept

The goal of the airman certification process is to ensure the applicant possesses the knowledge, ability to manage risks, and skill consistent with the privileges of the certificate or rating being exercised, in order to act as pilot-in-command (PIC).

Safe operations in today's National Airspace System (NAS) require the integration of aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and flight proficiency standards. To accomplish these goals, the FAA drew upon the expertise of organizations and individuals across the aviation and training community to develop the ACS. The ACS integrates the elements of knowledge, risk management, and skill required for each airman certificate or rating. It thus forms a more comprehensive standard for what an applicant must know, consider, and do to demonstrate proficiency to pass the tests required for issuance of the applicable airman certificate or rating.

Area of Operation I. Preflight Preparation

Task A. Pilot Qualifications

References: 14 CFR parts 61, 68, 91; AC 68-1; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with airman and medical certificates including privileges, limitations, currency, and operating as pilot-in-command as a private pilot.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.I.A.K1* Certification requirements, recent flight experience, and recordkeeping.
- PH.I.A.K2* Privileges and limitations.
- PH.I.A.K3* Medical certificates: class, expiration, privileges, temporary disqualifications.
- PH.I.A.K4* Documents required to exercise private pilot privileges.
- PH.I.A.K5* Part 68 BasicMed privileges and limitations.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.A.R1* Proficiency versus currency.
- PH.I.A.R2* Flying an unfamiliar helicopter or operating with unfamiliar flight display systems and avionics.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.A.S1* Apply requirements to act as pilot-in-command (PIC) under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) in a scenario given by the evaluator.

Task B. Airworthiness Requirements

References: 14 CFR parts 27, 29, 39, 43, 91; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with airworthiness requirements, including aircraft certificates.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.I.B.K1** General airworthiness requirements and compliance for a helicopter, including:
 - PH.I.B.K1a** a. Location and expiration dates of required aircraft certificates
 - PH.I.B.K1b** b. Required inspections and aircraft logbook documentation
 - PH.I.B.K1c** c. Airworthiness Directives and Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins
 - PH.I.B.K1d** d. Purpose and procedure for obtaining a special flight permit
 - PH.I.B.K1e** e. Owner/Operator and pilot-in-command responsibilities
- PH.I.B.K2** Pilot-performed preventive maintenance.
- PH.I.B.K3** Equipment requirements for day and night VFR flight, including:
 - PH.I.B.K3a** a. Flying with inoperative equipment
 - PH.I.B.K3b** b. Using an approved Minimum Equipment List (MEL)
 - PH.I.B.K3c** c. Kinds of Operation Equipment List (KOL)
 - PH.I.B.K3d** d. Required discrepancy records or placards
- PH.I.B.K4** Special airworthiness certificate aircraft operating limitations, if applicable.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.B.R1** Inoperative equipment discovered prior to flight.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.B.S1** Locate and describe helicopter airworthiness and registration information.
- PH.I.B.S2** Determine the helicopter is airworthy in the scenario given by the evaluator.
- PH.I.B.S3** Apply appropriate procedures for operating with inoperative equipment in the scenario given by the evaluator.

Task C. Weather Information

References: 14 CFR part 91; AC 00-6, AC 00-45, AC 91-92; AIM; FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with weather information for a flight under VFR.

Note: If K2 is selected, the evaluator must assess the applicant's knowledge of at least three sub-elements.

Note: If K3 is selected, the evaluator must assess the applicant's knowledge of at least three sub-elements.

Knowledge:	The applicant demonstrates understanding of:
PH.I.C.K1	Sources of weather data (e.g., National Weather Service, Flight Service) for flight planning purposes.
PH.I.C.K2	Acceptable weather products and resources required for preflight planning, current and forecast weather for departure, en route, and arrival phases of flight such as:
PH.I.C.K2a	a. Aviation routine weather reports (METARs) and pilot reports (PIREPs)
PH.I.C.K2b	b. Terminal aerodrome forecasts (TAFs) and graphical forecasts for aviation (GFAs)
PH.I.C.K2c	c. In-flight weather advisories including Airman's Meteorological Information (AIRMET) and Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMET)
PH.I.C.K2d	d. Wind and temperature aloft forecast (FB)
PH.I.C.K2e	e. Surface analysis and weather depiction charts
PH.I.C.K2f	f. Significant weather prognostic charts
PH.I.C.K2g	g. Thunderstorm watches, warnings, and convective activity forecast charts
PH.I.C.K3	Meteorology applicable to the departure, en route, alternate, and destination under visual flight rules (VFR) in Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC), including expected climate and hazardous conditions such as:
PH.I.C.K3a	a. Atmospheric composition and stability
PH.I.C.K3b	b. Wind (e.g., windshear, mountain wave, factors affecting wind, etc.)
PH.I.C.K3c	c. Temperature and heat exchange
PH.I.C.K3d	d. Moisture/precipitation
PH.I.C.K3e	e. Weather system formation, including air masses and fronts
PH.I.C.K3f	f. Clouds
PH.I.C.K3g	g. Turbulence
PH.I.C.K3h	h. Thunderstorms and microbursts
PH.I.C.K3i	i. Icing and freezing level information
PH.I.C.K3j	j. Fog/mist
PH.I.C.K3k	k. Frost
PH.I.C.K3l	l. Obstructions to visibility (e.g., smoke, haze, volcanic ash, etc.)
PH.I.C.K4	Flight deck instrument displays of digital weather and aeronautical information.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.C.R1* Making the go/no-go and continue/divert decisions, including:
- PH.I.C.R1a* a. Circumstances that would make diversion prudent
- PH.I.C.R1b* b. Personal weather minimums
- PH.I.C.R1c* c. Hazardous weather conditions, including known or forecast icing or turbulence aloft
- PH.I.C.R2* Use and limitations of:
- PH.I.C.R2a* a. Installed onboard weather equipment
- PH.I.C.R2b* b. Aviation weather reports and forecasts
- PH.I.C.R2c* c. In-flight weather resources
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.C.S1* Use available aviation weather resources to obtain an adequate weather briefing.
- PH.I.C.S2* Analyze the implications of at least three of the conditions listed in K3a through K3l, using actual weather or weather conditions provided by the evaluator.
- PH.I.C.S3* Correlate weather information to make a go/no-go decision.

Task D. Cross-Country Flight Planning

References: 14 CFR part 91; AC 91.21-1; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; Helicopter Route Charts; NOTAMs; VFR Navigation Charts

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with cross-country flights and VFR flight planning.

Note: Preparation, presentation, and explanation of a computer-generated flight plan is an acceptable option.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.I.D.K1** Route planning, including consideration of different classes and special use airspace (SUA) and selection of appropriate and available navigation/communication systems and facilities.
 - PH.I.D.K1a** a. Use of an electronic flight bag (EFB), if used
 - PH.I.D.K2** Altitude selection accounting for terrain and obstacles, autorotation requirements of the helicopter, VFR cruising altitudes, and the effect of wind.
 - PH.I.D.K3** Calculating:
 - PH.I.D.K3a** a. Time, climb and descent rates, course, distance, heading, true airspeed, and groundspeed
 - PH.I.D.K3b** b. Estimated time of arrival, including conversion to universal coordinated time (UTC)
 - PH.I.D.K3c** c. Fuel requirements, including reserve
 - PH.I.D.K4** Elements of a VFR flight plan.
 - PH.I.D.K5** Procedures for filing, activating, and closing a VFR flight plan.
 - PH.I.D.K6** In-flight intercept procedures.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.D.R1** Pilot.
 - PH.I.D.R2** Aircraft.
 - PH.I.D.R3** Environment (e.g., weather, airports, airspace, terrain, obstacles, including wire strike hazards).
 - PH.I.D.R4** External pressures.
 - PH.I.D.R5** Limitations of air traffic control (ATC) services.
 - PH.I.D.R6** Fuel planning.
 - PH.I.D.R7** Use of an electronic flight bag (EFB), if used.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.D.S1** Prepare, present and explain a cross-country flight plan assigned by the evaluator, including a risk analysis based on real-time weather, to the first fuel stop.
- PH.I.D.S2** Apply pertinent information from appropriate and current aeronautical charts, Chart Supplements; Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs) relative to airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, runway and taxiway closures; and other flight publications.
- PH.I.D.S3** Create a navigation plan and simulate filing a VFR flight plan.
- PH.I.D.S4** Recalculate fuel reserves based on a scenario provided by the evaluator.
- PH.I.D.S5** Use an electronic flight bag (EFB), if applicable.

Task E. National Airspace System

References: 14 CFR parts 71, 91, 93; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2; Helicopter Route Charts; VFR Navigation Charts

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with National Airspace System (NAS) operating under VFR as a private pilot.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.I.E.K1 Airspace classes and associated requirements and limitations.

PH.I.E.K2 Chart symbols.

PH.I.E.K3 Special use airspace (SUA), special flight rules areas (SFRA), temporary flight restrictions (TFR), and other airspace areas.

PH.I.E.K4 Special visual flight rules (VFR) requirements.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.I.E.R1 Various classes and types of airspace.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.I.E.S1 Identify and comply with the requirements for basic VFR weather minimums and flying in particular classes of airspace.

PH.I.E.S2 Correctly identify airspace and operate in accordance with associated communication and equipment requirements.

PH.I.E.S3 Identify the requirements for operating in SUA or within a TFR. Identify and comply with special air traffic rules (SATR) and SFRA operations, if applicable.

Task F. Performance and Limitations

References: FAA-H-8083-1, FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with operating a helicopter safely within the parameters of its performance capabilities and limitations.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.I.F.K1* Elements related to performance and limitations by explaining the use of charts, tables, and data to determine performance.
 - PH.I.F.K2* Factors affecting performance, including:
 - PH.I.F.K2a* a. Atmospheric conditions
 - PH.I.F.K2b* b. Pilot technique
 - PH.I.F.K2c* c. Helicopter configuration
 - PH.I.F.K2d* d. Airport, heliport, helipad, or unprepared surface environment
 - PH.I.F.K3* Loading and weight and balance.
 - PH.I.F.K4* Aerodynamics.
 - PH.I.F.K5* Height/Velocity (H/V) diagram according to the Rotorcraft Flight Manual (RFM).
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.F.R1* Use of performance charts, tables, and data.
 - PH.I.F.R2* Helicopter limitations.
 - PH.I.F.R3* Possible differences between calculated performance and actual performance.
 - PH.I.F.R4* Exceeding weight limits.
 - PH.I.F.R5* Operating outside of CG limits.
 - PH.I.F.R6* Shifting, adding, and removing weight.
 - PH.I.F.R7* Retreating blade stall.
 - PH.I.F.R8* Situations that lead to loss of tail rotor/antitorque effectiveness (LTE).
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.F.S1* Compute the weight and balance, correct out-of-center of gravity loading errors and determine if the weight and balance remains within limits during all phases of flight.
- PH.I.F.S2* Use appropriate helicopter performance charts, tables, and data.

Task G. Operation of Systems

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with safe operation of systems on the helicopter provided for the flight test.

Note: If K1 is selected, the evaluator must assess the applicant's knowledge of at least three sub-elements.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.I.G.K1 Helicopter systems, including:
 - PH.I.G.K1a a. Flight controls, trim, and if installed, stability control
 - PH.I.G.K1b b. Powerplant(s)
 - PH.I.G.K1c c. Main rotor and antitorque systems
 - PH.I.G.K1d d. Transmission and associated drive shafts
 - PH.I.G.K1e e. Fuel, oil, and hydraulic
 - PH.I.G.K1f f. Avionics
 - PH.I.G.K1g g. Landing gear, brakes, steering, skids, or floats, as applicable
 - PH.I.G.K1h h. Electrical
 - PH.I.G.K1i i. Pitot-static, vacuum/pressure, and associated flight instruments
 - PH.I.G.K1j j. Environmental
 - PH.I.G.K1k k. Anti-icing and deicing, including carburetor heat, if applicable
 - PH.I.G.K2 Indications of and procedures for managing system abnormalities or failures.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.I.G.R1 Detection of system malfunctions or failures.
 - PH.I.G.R2 Management of a system failure.
 - PH.I.G.R3 Monitoring and management of automated systems.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.I.G.S1 Operate at least three of the helicopter's systems listed in K1a through K1k.
- PH.I.G.S2 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

Task H. Human Factors

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with personal health, flight physiology, and aeromedical and human factors related to safety of flight.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

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| <i>PH.I.H.K1</i> | Symptoms, recognition, causes, effects, and corrective actions associated with aeromedical and physiological issues, including: |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1a</i> | a. Hypoxia |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1b</i> | b. Hyperventilation |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1c</i> | c. Middle ear and sinus problems |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1d</i> | d. Spatial disorientation |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1e</i> | e. Motion sickness |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1f</i> | f. Carbon monoxide poisoning |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1g</i> | g. Stress |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1h</i> | h. Fatigue |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1i</i> | i. Dehydration and nutrition |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1j</i> | j. Hypothermia |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1k</i> | k. Optical illusions |
| <i>PH.I.H.K1l</i> | l. Dissolved nitrogen in the bloodstream after scuba dives |
| <i>PH.I.H.K2</i> | Regulations regarding use of alcohol and drugs. |
| <i>PH.I.H.K3</i> | Effects of alcohol, drugs, and over-the-counter medications. |
| <i>PH.I.H.K4</i> | Aeronautical Decision-Making (ADM) to include using Crew Resource Management (CRM) or Single-Pilot Resource Management (SRM), as appropriate. |

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

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| <i>PH.I.H.R1</i> | Aeromedical and physiological issues. |
| <i>PH.I.H.R2</i> | Hazardous attitudes. |
| <i>PH.I.H.R3</i> | Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation. |
| <i>PH.I.H.R4</i> | Confirmation and expectation bias. |

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

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| <i>PH.I.H.S1</i> | Associate the symptoms and effects for at least three of the conditions listed in K1a through K1l with the cause(s) and corrective action(s). |
| <i>PH.I.H.S2</i> | Perform self-assessment, including fitness for flight and personal minimums, for actual flight or a scenario given by the evaluator. |

Area of Operation II. Preflight Procedures

Task A. Preflight Assessment

References: AC 91-32; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with preparation for safe flight.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.II.A.K1* Pilot self-assessment.
- PH.II.A.K2* Determining that the helicopter to be used is in an airworthy condition.
- PH.II.A.K3* Helicopter preflight inspection, including:
 - PH.II.A.K3a* a. Which items should be inspected
 - PH.II.A.K3b* b. The reasons for checking each item
 - PH.II.A.K3c* c. How to detect possible defects
 - PH.II.A.K3d* d. The associated regulations
- PH.II.A.K4* Environmental factors, including weather, terrain, route selection, and obstructions.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.II.A.R1* Pilot.
- PH.II.A.R2* Aircraft.
- PH.II.A.R3* Environment (e.g., weather, icing, airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas, airspace, terrain, obstacles).
- PH.II.A.R4* External pressures.
- PH.II.A.R5* Aviation security concerns.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.II.A.S1* Inspect the helicopter with reference to an appropriate checklist.
- PH.II.A.S2* Verify the helicopter is in condition for safe flight and conforms to its type design.
- PH.II.A.S3* Perform self-assessment.
- PH.II.A.S4* Continue to assess the environment for safe flight.

Task B. Flight Deck Management

References: 14 CFR part 91; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with flight deck management practices.

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.II.B.K1 Passenger briefing requirements, including operation and required use of safety restraint systems.
- PH.II.B.K2 Use of appropriate checklists.
- PH.II.B.K3 Requirements for current and appropriate navigation data.
- PH.II.B.K4 Securing items and cargo.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.II.B.R1 Use of systems or equipment, including automation and portable electronic devices.
- PH.II.B.R2 Inoperative equipment.
- PH.II.B.R3 Passenger distractions.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.II.B.S1 Secure all items in the aircraft.
- PH.II.B.S2 Conduct an appropriate passenger briefing, including identifying the pilot-in-command (PIC), use of safety belts, shoulder harnesses, doors, passenger conduct, rotor blade avoidance, and emergency procedures.
- PH.II.B.S3 Properly program and manage helicopter automation, as applicable.
- PH.II.B.S4 Appropriately manage risks by utilizing ADM, including SRM/CRM.

Task C. Powerplant Starting and Rotor Engagement

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with recommended powerplant starting and rotor engagement procedures.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.II.C.K1* Starting under various conditions.
- PH.II.C.K2* Starting procedures, including the use of external power if applicable.
- PH.II.C.K3* Limitations associated with starting.
- PH.II.C.K4* Conditions leading to and procedures for an aborted start.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.II.C.R1* Rotor engagement, if applicable.
- PH.II.C.R2* Use of external power unit.
- PH.II.C.R3* Limitations during starting.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.II.C.S1* Position the helicopter properly considering structures, surface conditions, other aircraft, wind, and the safety of nearby persons and property.
- PH.II.C.S2* Use flight control frictions, if required.
- PH.II.C.S3* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.II.C.S4* Engage and manage the rotor system, as appropriate.

Task D. Before Takeoff Check

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with before takeoff check.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.II.D.K1* Purpose of before takeoff checklist items, including:
- PH.II.D.K1a* a. Reasons for checking each item
 - PH.II.D.K1b* b. Detecting malfunctions
 - PH.II.D.K1c* c. Configuring the helicopter as recommended by the manufacturer

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.II.D.R1* Division of attention while conducting before takeoff checks.
- PH.II.D.R2* Unexpected or unclear clearances from ATC.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.II.D.S1* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.II.D.S2* Review takeoff performance and emergency procedures.
- PH.II.D.S3* Verify that the powerplant temperature(s) and pressure(s) are suitable for takeoff.
- PH.II.D.S4* Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.II.D.S5* Divide attention inside and outside the helicopter.

Area of Operation III. Airport and Heliport Operations

Task A. Runway/Taxiway/Heliport/Helipad Signs, Markings, and Lighting

References: 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with runway/taxiway/heliport/helipad signs, markings and lighting.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.III.A.K1 Airport runway, heliport, helipad, taxiway signs, markings, and lighting.

PH.III.A.K2 Airport movement area.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.III.A.R1 Interpretation of signs, markings, or lighting.

PH.III.A.R2 Landing site dimensions and limitations.

PH.III.A.R3 Conflict with aircraft, vehicles, and persons.

PH.III.A.R4 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

PH.III.A.R5 Runway incursion.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.III.A.S1 Comply with airport/heliport/helipad signs, markings, and lighting encountered, as applicable to the helicopter provided for the practical test.

Task B. Communications, Light Signals, and Runway Lighting Systems

References: 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with normal and emergency radio communications, air traffic control (ATC) light signals, and runway lighting systems.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.III.B.K1* How to obtain appropriate radio frequencies.
- PH.III.B.K2* Proper radio communication procedures and air traffic control (ATC) phraseology.
- PH.III.B.K3* ATC light signal recognition.
- PH.III.B.K4* Appropriate use of transponder(s).
- PH.III.B.K5* Lost communication procedures.
- PH.III.B.K6* Equipment issues that could cause loss of communication.
- PH.III.B.K7* Radar assistance.
- PH.III.B.K8* National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) accident/incident reporting.
- PH.III.B.K9* Runway Status Lighting Systems.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.III.B.R1* Communication.
- PH.III.B.R2* Deciding if and when to declare an emergency.
- PH.III.B.R3* Use of non-standard phraseology.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.III.B.S1* Select and activate appropriate frequencies.
- PH.III.B.S2* Transmit using standard phraseology and procedures as specified in the aeronautical information manual (AIM) and Pilot/Controller Glossary.
- PH.III.B.S3* Acknowledge radio communications and comply with ATC instructions or as directed by the evaluator.

Task C. Traffic Patterns

References: 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with traffic patterns.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.III.C.K1* Towered and nontowered airport/heliport/helipad/landing area operations and restrictions.
- PH.III.C.K2* Traffic pattern for the current conditions.
- PH.III.C.K3* Right-of-way rules.
- PH.III.C.K4* Use of automated weather and airport/heliport information.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.III.C.R1* Collision hazards.
- PH.III.C.R2* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.III.C.R3* Windshear and wake turbulence.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.III.C.S1* Identify and interpret airport/heliport/helipad/landing area runways, taxiways, markings, signs, and lighting.
- PH.III.C.S2* Comply with recommended helicopter traffic pattern procedures, as appropriate.
- PH.III.C.S3* Correct for wind drift to maintain the proper ground track.
- PH.III.C.S4* Maintain orientation with the runway/landing area in use, as applicable.
- PH.III.C.S5* Maintain traffic pattern altitude, ± 100 feet, and the appropriate airspeed, ± 10 knots.
- PH.III.C.S6* Maintain situational awareness and proper spacing from other traffic or avoid the flow of fixed-wing traffic, as appropriate.

Area of Operation IV. Hovering Maneuvers

Task A. Vertical Takeoff and Landing

References: 14 CFR part 91; AC 90-95; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with vertical takeoff and landing from a hover.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IV.A.K1 Elements related to a vertical takeoff to a hover and landing from a hover.
- PH.IV.A.K2 Effect of wind on flight control inputs.
- PH.IV.A.K3 Effect of weight and balance and various centers of gravity.
- PH.IV.A.K4 Ground effect.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IV.A.R1 Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
- PH.IV.A.R2 Dynamic rollover.
- PH.IV.A.R3 Ground resonance.
- PH.IV.A.R4 Powerplant failure during hover.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IV.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.IV.A.S2 Comply with air traffic control (ATC) or evaluator instructions and make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.IV.A.S3 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.IV.A.S4 Ascend to and maintain recommended hovering altitude, and descend from recommended hovering altitude in headwind, crosswind, and tailwind conditions, without drift.
- PH.IV.A.S5 Maintain recommended hovering altitude, $\pm 1/2$ of that altitude within 10 feet of the surface, if above 10 feet, ± 5 feet.
- PH.IV.A.S6 Maintain position within 4 feet of a designated point with no aft movement.
- PH.IV.A.S7 Descend vertically to within 4 feet of the designated touchdown point.
- PH.IV.A.S8 Maintain specified heading, $\pm 10^\circ$.

Task B. Hover Taxi

References: AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with hover taxi operations, including runway incursion avoidance.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IV.B.K1 Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
 - PH.IV.B.K2 Hover taxi instructions, clearances, and limitations.
 - PH.IV.B.K3 Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
 - PH.IV.B.K4 Visual indicators for wind.
 - PH.IV.B.K5 Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
 - PH.IV.B.K6 Procedures for:
 - PH.IV.B.K6a a. Pilot activities during taxiing
 - PH.IV.B.K6b b. Safe hover taxi at towered and non-towered airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas
 - PH.IV.B.K6c c. Entering or crossing runways
 - PH.IV.B.K7 Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations.
 - PH.IV.B.K8 Aircraft operating limitations.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IV.B.R1 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
 - PH.IV.B.R2 Reduced visibility or night taxi operations.
 - PH.IV.B.R3 Runway incursion.
 - PH.IV.B.R4 Other aircraft, vehicles, persons, and hazards.
 - PH.IV.B.R5 Hazardous effects of downwash.
 - PH.IV.B.R6 Main rotor, tail rotor, and tail strike hazards.
 - PH.IV.B.R7 Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations.
 - PH.IV.B.R8 Confirmation or expectation bias as related to taxi instructions.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IV.B.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.IV.B.S2 Receive and correctly read back clearances/instructions, if applicable.
- PH.IV.B.S3 Use an airport diagram or taxi chart during taxi, if published, and maintain situational awareness.
- PH.IV.B.S4 Comply with airport/heliport taxiway markings, signals, and signs.
- PH.IV.B.S5 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.

- PH.IV.B.S6* Maintain a straight ground track within ± 4 feet of a designated ground track.
- PH.IV.B.S7* Maintain recommended hovering altitude, $\pm 1/2$ of that altitude within 10 feet of the surface, if above 10 feet, ± 5 feet.
- PH.IV.B.S8* Hover taxi over specified ground references, demonstrating forward, sideward, and rearward hovering and hovering turns.
- PH.IV.B.S9* Maintain a constant rate of turn at pivot points.
- PH.IV.B.S10* Maintain a position within 4 feet of each pivot point during turns.
- PH.IV.B.S11* Make a 360° pivoting turn, left and right, stopping within 10° of a specified heading.
- PH.IV.B.S12* Make smooth, timely, and correct control application during the maneuver.

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Task C. Air Taxi

References: AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with air taxi operations.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IV.C.K1 Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
 - PH.IV.C.K2 Air taxi instructions, clearances, and limitations.
 - PH.IV.C.K3 Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
 - PH.IV.C.K4 Visual indicators for wind.
 - PH.IV.C.K5 Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
 - PH.IV.C.K6 Procedures for:
 - PH.IV.C.K6a a. Pilot activities during taxiing
 - PH.IV.C.K6b b. Safe air taxi at towered and nontowered airports
 - PH.IV.C.K6c c. Overflying of runways
 - PH.IV.C.K7 Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IV.C.R1 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
 - PH.IV.C.R2 Reduced visibility or night taxi operations.
 - PH.IV.C.R3 Runway incursion.
 - PH.IV.C.R4 Main rotor, tail rotor, and tail strike hazards.
 - PH.IV.C.R5 H/V diagram performance in case of powerplant failure.
 - PH.IV.C.R6 Confirmation or expectation bias as related to taxi instructions.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IV.C.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.IV.C.S2 Use an airport diagram or taxi chart during taxi, if published, and maintain situational awareness.
- PH.IV.C.S3 Select a safe airspeed and altitude.
- PH.IV.C.S4 Maintain desired track and groundspeed in headwind and crosswind conditions, avoiding conditions that might lead to loss of tail rotor/antitorque effectiveness.
- PH.IV.C.S5 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.IV.C.S6 Comply with airport/heliport/helipad/landing area markings, lights, signs, and ATC instructions.
- PH.IV.C.S7 Maintain specified altitude, ± 10 feet.

Task D. Taxiing with Wheel-Type Landing Gear

References: AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with ground taxi operations, in a wheel-type aircraft, including runway incursion avoidance.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IV.D.K1 Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
- PH.IV.D.K2 Taxi instructions/clearances.
- PH.IV.D.K3 Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
- PH.IV.D.K4 Visual indicators for wind.
- PH.IV.D.K5 Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
- PH.IV.D.K6 Procedures for:
 - PH.IV.D.K6a a. Appropriate flight deck activities prior to taxi, including route planning and identifying the location of Hot Spots
 - PH.IV.D.K6b b. Safe taxi at towered and nontowered airports
 - PH.IV.D.K6c c. Entering or crossing runways

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IV.D.R1 Activities and distractions.
- PH.IV.D.R2 Confirmation or expectation bias as related to taxi instructions.
- PH.IV.D.R3 Runway incursion.
- PH.IV.D.R4 Speed during taxi and turns.
- PH.IV.D.R5 Appropriate thrust vector and brake use.
- PH.IV.D.R6 Airframe and rotor clearances during taxi.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IV.D.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.IV.D.S2 Use an appropriate airport/heliport diagram or taxi chart, if published.
- PH.IV.D.S3 Properly position nosewheel/tailwheel, if applicable, locked or unlocked.
- PH.IV.D.S4 Position the flight controls properly for the existing wind conditions, with the landing gear in contact with the surface, avoiding conditions that might lead to loss of directional control.
- PH.IV.D.S5 Properly use cyclic, collective, and brakes as applicable to control speed while taxiing.
- PH.IV.D.S6 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.IV.D.S7 Maintain specified track within 4 feet.
- PH.IV.D.S8 Position the helicopter relative to hold lines or a specified point.

PH.IV.D.S9 Receive and comply with ATC clearances/instructions, if applicable.

PH.IV.D.S10 Comply with airport/heliport taxiway markings, lights, and signals.

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Task E. Slope Operations

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with slope operations.

Note: See Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IV.E.K1 Elements related to slope operations.
 - PH.IV.E.K2 Factors used for selecting an appropriate slope.
 - PH.IV.E.K3 Effect of wind on slope operations.
 - PH.IV.E.K4 Dynamic rollover considerations during slope operations and preventive/recovery techniques.
 - PH.IV.E.K5 Helicopter slope limitations.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IV.E.R1 Operations on a slope.
 - PH.IV.E.R2 Conditions leading to loss of tail rotor/antitorque effectiveness.
 - PH.IV.E.R3 Embarking or disembarking passengers and rotor blade hazards.
 - PH.IV.E.R4 Conditions leading to dynamic rollover.
 - PH.IV.E.R5 Surface conditions.
 - PH.IV.E.R6 Collision hazards.
 - PH.IV.E.R7 Exceeding the manufacturer's slope limitations.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IV.E.S1 Select a suitable slope.
- PH.IV.E.S2 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.IV.E.S3 Properly approach the slope considering wind effect and obstacles.
- PH.IV.E.S4 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.IV.E.S5 Maintain heading and ground position, and prevent movement of aircraft on slope.
- PH.IV.E.S6 Make a smooth positive descent to touch the upslope skid or wheel(s) on the sloping surface.
- PH.IV.E.S7 Recognize if slope is too steep and abandon the operation prior to reaching cyclic control stops.
- PH.IV.E.S8 Maintain positive control while lowering the downslope skid or wheel to touchdown.
- PH.IV.E.S9 Neutralize controls after landing.
- PH.IV.E.S10 Make a smooth transition from the slope to a stabilized hover parallel to the slope.
- PH.IV.E.S11 Properly move away from the slope.
- PH.IV.E.S12 Maintain a specified heading throughout the operation, $\pm 10^\circ$.

Area of Operation V. Takeoffs, Landings, and Go-Arounds

Note: The evaluator shall select Task A, B, C, D, E and at least one other Task.

Task A. Normal Takeoff and Climb

References: AIM, FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with normal takeoff, climb operations, and rejected takeoff procedures.

Note: If a crosswind condition does not exist, the applicant's knowledge of crosswind elements must be evaluated through oral testing.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.V.A.K1 Effects of atmospheric conditions, including wind, on takeoff and climb performance.

PH.V.A.K2 Factors affecting the profile of the height/velocity (H/V) diagram.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.V.A.R1 Selection of takeoff path based on helicopter performance and limitations, available distance, and wind.

PH.V.A.R2 Effects of:

PH.V.A.R2a a. Crosswind

PH.V.A.R2b b. Windshear

PH.V.A.R2c c. Tailwind

PH.V.A.R2d d. Turbulence, including wake turbulence

PH.V.A.R2e e. Runway/departure point surface/condition

PH.V.A.R3 Abnormal operations, including planning for:

PH.V.A.R3a a. Rejected takeoff

PH.V.A.R3b b. Powerplant failure in takeoff/climb phase of flight

PH.V.A.R4 Collision hazards.

PH.V.A.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

PH.V.A.R6 Runway incursion.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.V.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

PH.V.A.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.

PH.V.A.S3 Verify assigned/correct runway, if at an airport.

PH.V.A.S4 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.

PH.V.A.S5 Clear the area, taxi into the takeoff position and align the helicopter on the runway centerline or with takeoff path.

- PH.V.A.S6* Establish a stationary position on the surface or a stabilized hover, prior to takeoff in headwind and crosswind conditions.
- PH.V.A.S7* Confirm takeoff power and instrument indications prior to forward movement.
- PH.V.A.S8* After clearing all obstacles, transition to normal climb attitude, airspeed, ± 10 knots, and power setting.
- PH.V.A.S9* Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.A.S10* Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, as needed.
- PH.V.A.S11* Comply with noise abatement procedures, as applicable.
- PH.V.A.S12* Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

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Task B. Normal Approach and Landing

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with a normal approach and landing.

Note: *If a crosswind condition does not exist, the applicant's knowledge of crosswind elements must be evaluated through oral testing.*

Knowledge:	The applicant demonstrates understanding of:
PH.V.B.K1	Effects of wind, weight, altitude, and temperature on performance.
PH.V.B.K2	Wind correction techniques on approach and landing.
PH.V.B.K3	Landing surface, obstructions, and selection of a suitable touchdown point.
PH.V.B.K4	Factors affecting the profile of the height/velocity (H/V) diagram.
Risk Management:	The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:
PH.V.B.R1	Selection of approach path and landing based on aircraft performance and limitations, and wind.
PH.V.B.R2	Effects of:
PH.V.B.R2a	a. Crosswind
PH.V.B.R2b	b. Windshear
PH.V.B.R2c	c. Tailwind
PH.V.B.R2d	d. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
PH.V.B.R2e	e. Vortex ring state (VRS)
PH.V.B.R2f	f. Touchdown surface and condition
PH.V.B.R3	Go-around/rejected landing.
PH.V.B.R4	Collision hazards.
PH.V.B.R5	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
PH.V.B.R6	Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
Skills:	The applicant exhibits the skill to:
PH.V.B.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
PH.V.B.S2	Make radio calls as appropriate.
PH.V.B.S3	Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
PH.V.B.S4	Align the helicopter with the correct/assigned runway or touchdown point.
PH.V.B.S5	Scan the landing area/touchdown point and adjoining area for traffic and obstructions.
PH.V.B.S6	Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, if necessary.
PH.V.B.S7	Establish and maintain a normal approach angle and rate of closure.

- PH.V.B.S8 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.B.S9 Arrive at the termination point, on the surface or at a stabilized hover, ± 4 feet.
- PH.V.B.S10 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

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Task C. Maximum Performance Takeoff and Climb

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with maximum performance takeoff and climb.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.C.K1* Situations where this maneuver is appropriate.
 - PH.V.C.K2* Effects of atmospheric conditions, including wind and temperature, on takeoff and climb performance.
 - PH.V.C.K3* Factors affecting the profile of the height/velocity (H/V) diagram.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.C.R1* Selection of takeoff path based on helicopter performance and limitations, available distance, and wind.
 - PH.V.C.R2* Effects of:
 - PH.V.C.R2a* a. Crosswind
 - PH.V.C.R2b* b. Windshear
 - PH.V.C.R2c* c. Tailwind
 - PH.V.C.R2d* d. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
 - PH.V.C.R2e* e. Surface conditions
 - PH.V.C.R3* Abnormal operations including:
 - PH.V.C.R3a* a. Rejected takeoff
 - PH.V.C.R3b* b. Powerplant failure in takeoff/climb phase of flight
 - PH.V.C.R4* Collision hazards.
 - PH.V.C.R5* Low rotor rpm.
 - PH.V.C.R6* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.C.S1* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.C.S2* Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.V.C.S3* Use control inputs to initiate lift-off from the takeoff position using a forward climb attitude to fly the departure profile.
- PH.V.C.S4* Maintain powerplant and rotor rpm within normal limits.
- PH.V.C.S5* Use required takeoff power, or power as specified by the evaluator.
- PH.V.C.S6* After clearing all obstacles, transition to normal climb attitude, airspeed, ± 5 knots, and power setting.
- PH.V.C.S7* Maintain directional control, ground track, and proper wind-drift correction throughout the maneuver.

Task D. Steep Approach

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with steep approach.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.D.K1 A stabilized steep approach.
- PH.V.D.K2 Approach techniques and applicability.
- PH.V.D.K3 Performance data and the height velocity (H/V) diagram.
- PH.V.D.K4 Effects of atmospheric conditions on approach and landing performance.
- PH.V.D.K5 Wind correction techniques.
- PH.V.D.K6 Aircraft performance and limitations.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.D.R1 Selection of approach path and landing based on aircraft performance and limitations, and wind.
- PH.V.D.R2 Effects of:
 - PH.V.D.R2a a. Wind Direction
 - PH.V.D.R2b b. Windshear
 - PH.V.D.R2c c. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
- PH.V.D.R3 Planning for.
 - PH.V.D.R3a a. Rejected landing and go-around
 - PH.V.D.R3b b. Powerplant failure during the approach
- PH.V.D.R4 Collision hazards.
- PH.V.D.R5 Vortex ring state (VRS).
- PH.V.D.R6 Landing surface.
- PH.V.D.R7 Aircraft limitations.
- PH.V.D.R8 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.V.D.R9 Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
- PH.V.D.R10 Degraded Visual Environment (DVE) and flat light conditions.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.D.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.D.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.V.D.S3 Consider the wind direction and conditions, landing surface, and obstacles.
- PH.V.D.S4 Select a suitable termination point.

- PH.V.D.S5* Establish and maintain a steep approach angle, (15° maximum) and proper rate of closure.
- PH.V.D.S6* Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, if necessary.
- PH.V.D.S7* Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.D.S8* Arrive at the termination point, on the surface or at a stabilized hover, ± 4 feet.
- PH.V.D.S9* Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

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Task E. Go-Around

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with go-around with emphasis on factors that contribute to landing conditions that may require a go-around.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.E.K1* Situations and considerations on approach that could require a go-around.
 - PH.V.E.K2* Effects of atmospheric conditions on a go-around.
 - PH.V.E.K3* Go-around procedures and the importance of a timely decision.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.E.R1* Recognition of the need for a go-around.
 - PH.V.E.R2* Application of power and flight control inputs.
 - PH.V.E.R3* Collision hazards.
 - PH.V.E.R4* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
 - PH.V.E.R5* Runway incursion.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.E.S1* Make a timely decision to discontinue the approach or at the direction of the evaluator.
- PH.V.E.S2* Maintain powerplant and rotor rpm within normal limits while applying proper control input to stop descent and initiate climb.
- PH.V.E.S3* Transition to a positive rate of climb and appropriate airspeed of ± 10 knots.
- PH.V.E.S4* Maintain directional control, ground track, and proper wind-drift correction throughout the maneuver.
- PH.V.E.S5* Notify/coordinate with air traffic control (ATC) or evaluator instructions as required.
- PH.V.E.S6* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.E.S7* Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
- PH.V.E.S8* Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

Task F. Confined Area Operations

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with confined area operations.

Knowledge:	The applicant demonstrates understanding of:
PH.V.F.K1	Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
PH.V.F.K2	Situations when a confined area approach and landing is recommended and factors related to landing performance including H/V diagram information.
PH.V.F.K3	High and low reconnaissance, including takeoff and departure planning.
PH.V.F.K4	Power requirements versus power available for the departure or arrival profile(s).

Risk

Management:	The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:
PH.V.F.R1	Selection of approach path, termination point and departure path based on aircraft performance and limitations, wind, and availability of alternate sites.
PH.V.F.R2	Effects of:
PH.V.F.R2a	a. Wind Direction
PH.V.F.R2b	b. Windshear
PH.V.F.R2c	c. Turbulence
PH.V.F.R3	H/V diagram information.
PH.V.F.R4	Go-around.
PH.V.F.R5	Forced landing during the maneuver.
PH.V.F.R6	Landing surface.
PH.V.F.R7	Dynamic rollover.
PH.V.F.R8	Ground resonance.
PH.V.F.R9	Low rotor rpm.
PH.V.F.R10	Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
PH.V.F.R11	Collision hazards.
PH.V.F.R12	Vortex ring state (VRS).
PH.V.F.R13	Aircraft limitations.
PH.V.F.R14	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
PH.V.F.R15	Power requirements versus power available for the departure or arrival profile(s).

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

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| PH.V.F.S1 | Complete the appropriate checklist(s). |
| PH.V.F.S2 | Make radio calls as appropriate. |

- PH.V.F.S3* Confirm power available meets or exceeds the power required for the selected arrival or departure profile(s).
- PH.V.F.S4* Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- PH.V.F.S5* Accomplish a proper high and low reconnaissance of the confined landing area.
- PH.V.F.S6* Select a suitable approach path, termination point, and departure path.
- PH.V.F.S7* Track the selected approach path at an acceptable approach angle and rate of closure to the termination point.
- PH.V.F.S8* Continually evaluate the suitability of the confined landing area and termination point.
- PH.V.F.S9* Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.F.S10* Accomplish a proper ground reconnaissance.
- PH.V.F.S11* Terminate in a hover or on the surface, as appropriate.
- PH.V.F.S12* Select a suitable takeoff point, considers factors affecting takeoff and climb performance under various conditions.
- PH.V.F.S13* Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.

Task G. Pinnacle Operations

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with pinnacle operations.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.G.K1* Elements of pinnacle/platform operations.
 - PH.V.G.K2* Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
 - PH.V.G.K3* Suitable takeoff point and departure flight path during climb.
 - PH.V.G.K4* Situations when a pinnacle/platform approach, landing and takeoff is recommended and factors related to aircraft performance.
 - PH.V.G.K5* Elements of a high and low reconnaissance.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.G.R1* Selection of approach path, termination point and departure path based on aircraft performance and limitations, and wind.
 - PH.V.G.R2* Effects of:
 - PH.V.G.R2a* a. Wind Direction
 - PH.V.G.R2b* b. Windshear
 - PH.V.G.R2c* c. Turbulence
 - PH.V.G.R3* H/V diagram information.
 - PH.V.G.R4* Go-around.
 - PH.V.G.R5* Powerplant failure during approach/landing phase of flight.
 - PH.V.G.R6* Collision hazards.
 - PH.V.G.R7* Vortex ring state (VRS).
 - PH.V.G.R8* Landing surface.
 - PH.V.G.R9* Low rotor rpm.
 - PH.V.G.R10* Dynamic rollover.
 - PH.V.G.R11* Ground resonance.
 - PH.V.G.R12* Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
 - PH.V.G.R13* Aircraft limitations.
 - PH.V.G.R14* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
 - PH.V.G.R15* Main and tail rotor hazards for passengers.
 - PH.V.G.R16* Forced landing.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.G.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.G.S2 Confirm power available meets or exceeds the power required for the selected arrival or departure profile(s).
- PH.V.G.S3 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.V.G.S4 Accomplish high and low reconnaissance.
- PH.V.G.S5 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- PH.V.G.S6 Select a suitable approach path, termination point, and departure path.
- PH.V.G.S7 Select an approach path considering wind direction.
- PH.V.G.S8 Track the selected approach path at an acceptable approach angle and rate of closure to the termination point.
- PH.V.G.S9 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.G.S10 Accomplish a proper ground reconnaissance.
- PH.V.G.S11 Terminate in a hover or on the surface, as appropriate.
- PH.V.G.S12 Select a suitable takeoff point, and consider factors affecting takeoff and climb performance under various conditions.

Task H. Shallow Approach and Running/Roll-On Landing

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with shallow approach and running/roll-on landing operation.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.H.K1* Elements related to shallow approach and running/roll-on landing, including when to use the maneuver, aircraft limitations, and effect of landing surface texture.
- PH.V.H.K2* Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.H.R1* Selection of approach path and landing based on aircraft performance and limitations, and wind.
- PH.V.H.R2* Effects of:
 - PH.V.H.R2a* a. Wind Direction
 - PH.V.H.R2b* b. Windshear
 - PH.V.H.R2c* c. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
- PH.V.H.R3* Planning for:
 - PH.V.H.R3a* a. Powerplant failure during approach/landing phase of flight
- PH.V.H.R4* Collision hazards.
- PH.V.H.R5* Landing surface.
- PH.V.H.R6* Dynamic rollover.
- PH.V.H.R7* Ground resonance.
- PH.V.H.R8* Aircraft limitations.
- PH.V.H.R9* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.H.S1* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.H.S2* Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.V.H.S3* Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.H.S4* Establish and maintain the recommended approach angle, and proper rate of closure.
- PH.V.H.S5* Determine wind direction and maintain ground track with crosswind correction.
- PH.V.H.S6* Maintain effective translational lift during surface contact with landing gear parallel to the ground track.
- PH.V.H.S7* Make smooth, timely, and correct control inputs after surface contact to maintain directional control.
- PH.V.H.S8* Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

Task I. Rolling Takeoff (Wheel-Type Landing Gear)

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with rolling takeoff with wheel-type landing gear.

Note: If a crosswind condition does not exist, the applicant's knowledge of crosswind elements must be evaluated through oral testing.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.V.I.K1 Elements of a rolling takeoff.
 - PH.V.I.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
 - PH.V.I.K3 Situations when a rolling takeoff is recommended and factors related to takeoff and climb performance.
 - PH.V.I.K4 Translational lift.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.V.I.R1 Selection of takeoff path based on helicopter performance and limitations, available distance, and wind.
 - PH.V.I.R2 Effects of:
 - PH.V.I.R2a a. Wind Direction
 - PH.V.I.R2b b. Windshear
 - PH.V.I.R2c c. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
 - PH.V.I.R3 Planning for:
 - PH.V.I.R3a a. Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations
 - PH.V.I.R3b b. Rejected takeoff
 - PH.V.I.R3c c. Powerplant failure during takeoff/climb phase of flight
 - PH.V.I.R4 Collision hazards.
 - PH.V.I.R5 Takeoff surface.
 - PH.V.I.R6 Landing gear.
 - PH.V.I.R7 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.V.I.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.V.I.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.V.I.S3 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- PH.V.I.S4 Verify assigned/correct takeoff path.
- PH.V.I.S5 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.V.I.S6 Use control inputs that initiate the takeoff roll.

- PH.V.I.S7* Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, while accelerating.
- PH.V.I.S8* Transition to a normal climb airspeed, ± 10 knots, and set appropriate power.
- PH.V.I.S9* Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction after liftoff.
- PH.V.I.S10* Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.

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Area of Operation VI. Performance Maneuvers

Note: The evaluator must test Task A and one other Task.

Task A. Rapid Deceleration/Quick Stop

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with rapid deceleration/quick stop and conditions that may require a rapid deceleration/quick stop.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VI.A.K1 Purpose of the maneuver.
- PH.VI.A.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions on a rapid deceleration/quick stop.
- PH.VI.A.K3 Wind correction techniques during rapid deceleration/quick stop.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VI.A.R1 Recognition of the need for a rapid deceleration/quick stop.
- PH.VI.A.R2 Powerplant and rotor management.
- PH.VI.A.R3 Vortex ring state (VRS).
- PH.VI.A.R4 Collision hazards.
- PH.VI.A.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VI.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VI.A.S2 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- PH.VI.A.S3 Coordinate all controls throughout the execution of the maneuver to terminate in a hover at an appropriate hover height.
- PH.VI.A.S4 Maintain an altitude that permits safe clearance between the tail boom and the surface.
- PH.VI.A.S5 Maintain heading throughout the maneuver, $\pm 10^\circ$.

Task B. Straight-In Autorotation in a Single-Engine Helicopter

References: AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with a straight-in autorotation to a power recovery.

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight and Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VI.B.K1 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
 - PH.VI.B.K2 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
 - PH.VI.B.K3 Energy management.
 - PH.VI.B.K4 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
 - PH.VI.B.K5 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VI.B.R1 Low entry altitudes.
 - PH.VI.B.R2 Flight control inputs.
 - PH.VI.B.R3 Turbulence, including wake turbulence.
 - PH.VI.B.R4 Windshear.
 - PH.VI.B.R5 Energy management.
 - PH.VI.B.R6 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
 - PH.VI.B.R7 Low rotor rpm or rotor stall.
 - PH.VI.B.R8 Main rotor (Nr) overspeed.
 - PH.VI.B.R9 Excessive rate of descent.
 - PH.VI.B.R10 Powerplant failure during the maneuver.
 - PH.VI.B.R11 Collision hazards.
 - PH.VI.B.R12 Terminating an autorotation.
 - PH.VI.B.R13 Power recovery and go-around.
 - PH.VI.B.R14 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VI.B.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VI.B.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.VI.B.S3 Select a suitable landing area.
- PH.VI.B.S4 Clear the area.

- PH.VI.B.S5 Select an appropriate entry altitude.
- PH.VI.B.S6 Initiate the maneuver at the proper point.
- PH.VI.B.S7 Establish power-off glide with the helicopter trimmed and autorotation airspeed, ± 10 knots.
- PH.VI.B.S8 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- PH.VI.B.S9 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.
- PH.VI.B.S10 Use proper deceleration and collective pitch application that permits safe clearance between the aircraft tail boom and the surface.
- PH.VI.B.S11 Initiate proper power recovery.
- PH.VI.B.S12 Terminate autorotation to a stabilized hover, within 200 feet of a designated point.

Task C. Autorotation with Turns in a Single-Engine Helicopter

References: AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with autorotation with turns.

Note: The evaluator must test a 180-degree autorotation.

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight and Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VI.C.K1 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
 - PH.VI.C.K2 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
 - PH.VI.C.K3 Energy management.
 - PH.VI.C.K4 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
 - PH.VI.C.K5 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VI.C.R1 Low entry altitudes.
 - PH.VI.C.R2 Flight control inputs.
 - PH.VI.C.R3 Turbulence, including wake turbulence.
 - PH.VI.C.R4 Windshear.
 - PH.VI.C.R5 Energy management.
 - PH.VI.C.R6 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
 - PH.VI.C.R7 Low rotor rpm or rotor stall.
 - PH.VI.C.R9 Excessive rate of descent.
 - PH.VI.C.R10 Powerplant failure during the maneuver.
 - PH.VI.C.R11 Rolling out of the turn.
 - PH.VI.C.R12 Collision hazards.
 - PH.VI.C.R13 Terminating an autorotation.
 - PH.VI.C.R14 Power recovery and go-around.
 - PH.VI.C.R15 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VI.C.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VI.C.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.VI.C.S3 Select a suitable landing area.

- PH.VI.C.S4 Clear the area.
- PH.VI.C.S5 Select an appropriate entry altitude.
- PH.VI.C.S6 Initiate the maneuver at the proper point.
- PH.VI.C.S7 Establish power-off glide with the helicopter trimmed and autorotation airspeed, ± 10 knots.
- PH.VI.C.S8 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- PH.VI.C.S9 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.
- PH.VI.C.S10 Roll out no lower than 300 feet above ground level (AGL) along the flight path to the selected landing area.
- PH.VI.C.S11 Use proper deceleration and collective pitch application that permits safe clearance between the aircraft tail boom and the surface.
- PH.VI.C.S12 Initiate proper power recovery.
- PH.VI.C.S13 Terminate autorotation to a stabilized hover, within 200 feet of a designated point.

Area of Operation VII. Navigation

Task A. Pilotage and Dead Reckoning

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25; *Helicopter Route Charts*; *VFR Navigation Charts*

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with pilotage and dead reckoning.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VII.A.K1 Pilotage and dead reckoning.
- PH.VII.A.K2 Magnetic compass errors.
- PH.VII.A.K3 Topography.
- PH.VII.A.K4 Selection of appropriate:
 - PH.VII.A.K4a a. Route
 - PH.VII.A.K4b b. Altitude(s)
 - PH.VII.A.K4c c. Checkpoints
- PH.VII.A.K5 Plotting a course, including:
 - PH.VII.A.K5a a. Determining heading, speed, and course
 - PH.VII.A.K5b b. Wind correction angle
 - PH.VII.A.K5c c. Estimating time, speed, and distance
 - PH.VII.A.K5d d. True airspeed and density altitude
- PH.VII.A.K6 Power setting selection.
- PH.VII.A.K7 Planned calculations versus actual results and required corrections.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VII.A.R1 Collision hazards.
- PH.VII.A.R2 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.VII.A.R3 Unplanned fuel/energy consumption, if applicable.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VII.A.S1 Prepare and use a flight log.
- PH.VII.A.S2 Navigate by pilotage.
- PH.VII.A.S3 Navigate by means of pre-computed headings, groundspeeds, elapsed time, and reference to landmarks or checkpoints.
- PH.VII.A.S4 Use the magnetic direction indicator in navigation, including turns to headings.
- PH.VII.A.S5 Verify position within three nautical miles of the flight-planned route.

- PH.VII.A.S6* Correct for and record the differences between preflight fuel, groundspeed, and heading calculations and those determined en route.
- PH.VII.A.S7* Arrive at the en route checkpoints within five minutes of the initial or revised estimated time of arrival (ETA) and provide a destination estimate.
- PH.VII.A.S8* Maintain the selected altitude, ± 200 feet and heading, $\pm 15^\circ$.

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Task B. Navigation Systems and Radar Services

References: AC 91-78; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with navigation systems and radar services.

Note: The evaluator should reference the manufacturer's equipment supplement(s) as necessary for appropriate limitations, procedures, etc.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VII.B.K1* Ground-based navigation (identification, orientation, course determination, equipment, tests, and regulations, interference, appropriate use of navigation data, signal integrity).
- PH.VII.B.K2* Satellite-based navigation (e.g., equipment, regulations, authorized use of databases, and Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM)).
- PH.VII.B.K3* Radar assistance to visual flight rules (VFR) aircraft (e.g., operations, equipment, available services, traffic advisories).
- PH.VII.B.K4* Transponder (Mode(s) A, C, and S) and Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B).

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VII.B.R1* Management of automated navigation and autoflight systems.
- PH.VII.B.R2* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.VII.B.R3* Limitations of the navigation system in use.
- PH.VII.B.R4* Loss of a navigation signal.
- PH.VII.B.R5* Use of an electronic flight bag (EFB), if used.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VII.B.S1* Use an airborne electronic navigation system.
- PH.VII.B.S2* Determine the aircraft's position using the navigation system.
- PH.VII.B.S3* Intercept and track a given course, radial, or bearing.
- PH.VII.B.S4* Recognize and describe the indication of station or waypoint passage.
- PH.VII.B.S5* Recognize loss of navigational signal and take appropriate action.
- PH.VII.B.S6* Use proper communication procedures when utilizing radar services.
- PH.VII.B.S7* Maintain the selected altitude, ± 200 feet and headings, $\pm 15^\circ$.

Task C. Diversion

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25; VFR Navigation Charts

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with diversion.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VII.C.K1 Selecting an alternate destination.

PH.VII.C.K2 Situations that require deviations from flight plan or air traffic control (ATC) instructions.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VII.C.R1 Collision hazards.

PH.VII.C.R2 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

PH.VII.C.R3 Circumstances that would make diversion prudent.

PH.VII.C.R4 Selecting an airport/heliport/helipad, as applicable.

PH.VII.C.R5 Using available resources (e.g., automation, ATC, and flight deck planning aids).

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VII.C.S1 Select a suitable airport/heliport/helipad, as applicable, and route for diversion.

PH.VII.C.S2 Make a reasonable estimate of heading, groundspeed, arrival time, and fuel required to the “divert to” destination.

PH.VII.C.S3 Promptly divert toward the airport/heliport/helipad.

PH.VII.C.S4 Maintain the selected altitude, ± 200 feet and headings, $\pm 15^\circ$.

PH.VII.C.S5 Update/interpret weather in flight.

PH.VII.C.S6 Use displays of digital weather and aeronautical information, as applicable to maintain situational awareness.

Task D. Lost Procedures

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25; VFR Navigation Charts

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with lost procedures and can take appropriate steps to achieve a satisfactory outcome if lost.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VII.D.K1 Methods to determine position.

PH.VII.D.K2 Assistance available if lost (e.g., radar services, communication procedures).

PH.VII.D.K3 Rapidly deteriorating weather or impending fuel exhaustion.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VII.D.R1 Collision hazards.

PH.VII.D.R2 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

PH.VII.D.R3 Recording times over waypoints.

PH.VII.D.R4 When to seek assistance or declare an emergency in a deteriorating situation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VII.D.S1 Select an appropriate course of action.

PH.VII.D.S2 Use an appropriate method to determine position.

PH.VII.D.S3 Maintain an appropriate heading and climb as necessary.

PH.VII.D.S4 Identify prominent landmarks.

PH.VII.D.S5 Use navigation systems/facilities or contact an ATC facility for assistance.

Area of Operation VIII. Emergency Operations

Note: Tasks G through J are tested orally only. Task C must be tested in addition to the other Tasks if the applicant supplies a multiengine helicopter.

Task A. Powerplant Failure in a Hover in a Single-Engine Helicopter

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with powerplant failure in-ground effect (IGE) hover

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VIII.A.K1 Elements related to powerplant failure in a hover, including energy management concepts.
- PH.VIII.A.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
- PH.VIII.A.K3 High and low inertia of rotor systems.
- PH.VIII.A.K4 Aerodynamics associated with powerplant failure in a hover.
- PH.VIII.A.K5 Proper orientation, division of attention, and proper planning.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VIII.A.R1 Powerplant failure in a hover.
- PH.VIII.A.R2 Flight control inputs.
- PH.VIII.A.R3 Helicopter movement.
- PH.VIII.A.R4 Dynamic rollover.
- PH.VIII.A.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VIII.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VIII.A.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.VIII.A.S3 Clear the area.
- PH.VIII.A.S4 Select a suitable landing area.
- PH.VIII.A.S5 Establish a stationary or forward hover into the wind.
- PH.VIII.A.S6 Simulate powerplant failure.
- PH.VIII.A.S7 Maintain a heading, $\pm 10^\circ$, throughout the maneuver.
- PH.VIII.A.S8 Touchdown with minimum sideward movement and no rearward movement.
- PH.VIII.A.S9 Use appropriate flight control inputs to cushion the touchdown.
- PH.VIII.A.S10 After touchdown, lower collective and neutralize flight controls.

Task B. Powerplant Failure at Altitude in a Single-Engine Helicopter

References: AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with a simulated powerplant failure at altitude.

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight and Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with a simulated powerplant failure at altitude.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VIII.B.K1 Elements of a powerplant failure at altitude.
- PH.VIII.B.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
- PH.VIII.B.K3 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
- PH.VIII.B.K4 Energy management.
- PH.VIII.B.K5 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
- PH.VIII.B.K6 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VIII.B.R1 Low entry altitudes.
- PH.VIII.B.R2 Selection of landing area.
- PH.VIII.B.R3 Flight control inputs.
- PH.VIII.B.R4 Turbulence, including wake turbulence.
- PH.VIII.B.R5 Low rotor rpm or rotor stall.
- PH.VIII.B.R5 Windshear.
- PH.VIII.B.R6 Collision hazards.
- PH.VIII.B.R7 Autorotation power-off never-exceed speed (V_{NE}) limitation.
- PH.VIII.B.R8 Helicopter trim.
- PH.VIII.B.R9 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VIII.B.S1 Establish an autorotation.
- PH.VIII.B.S2 Establish power-off glide with the helicopter trimmed and autorotation airspeed, ± 10 knots.
- PH.VIII.B.S3 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- PH.VIII.B.S4 Select a suitable landing area considering altitude, wind, terrain, and obstructions.
- PH.VIII.B.S5 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.
- PH.VIII.B.S6 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.VIII.B.S7 Terminate approach with a power recovery at a safe altitude as directed by the evaluator.

Task C. Approach and Landing with One Engine Inoperative (OEI) (Simulated) (Multiengine Helicopter Only)

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with approach and landing with one engine inoperative (simulated).

Note: See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight and Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VIII.C.K1 Elements of approach and landing with one engine inoperative.
- PH.VIII.C.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions on emergency approach and landing.
- PH.VIII.C.K3 Stabilized approach.
- PH.VIII.C.K4 Approach and landing profiles and aircraft configuration.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VIII.C.R1 Consideration of altitude, wind, terrain, obstructions, and available landing area.
- PH.VIII.C.R2 Planning and following a flightpath to the selected landing area.
- PH.VIII.C.R3 Collision hazards.
- PH.VIII.C.R4 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VIII.C.S1 Maintain the operating powerplant within OEI limits.
- PH.VIII.C.S2 Maintain, prior to beginning the final approach segment, the recommended flight profile with altitude ± 200 feet, airspeed, ± 20 knots, heading $\pm 10^\circ$, and maintains track.
- PH.VIII.C.S3 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- PH.VIII.C.S4 Plan and follow a flightpath to the selected landing area considering altitude, wind, terrain, and obstructions.
- PH.VIII.C.S5 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VIII.C.S6 Maintain directional control and appropriate crosswind correction throughout the approach and landing.
- PH.VIII.C.S7 Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.

Task D. Systems and Equipment Malfunctions

References: AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-25; VFR Navigation Charts

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with causes, indications, and pilot actions for system malfunctions.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.D.K1 Causes of partial or complete power loss related to the specific type of powerplant(s).

PH.VIII.D.K2 System and equipment malfunctions specific to the helicopter, including:

PH.VIII.D.K2a a. Electrical malfunction

PH.VIII.D.K2b b. Flight instrument malfunctions

PH.VIII.D.K2c c. Pitot-static system malfunction

PH.VIII.D.K2d d. Electronic flight deck display malfunction

PH.VIII.D.K2e e. Landing gear malfunctions

PH.VIII.D.K2f f. Inoperative flight control/trim

PH.VIII.D.K2g g. Hydraulic failure, if applicable

PH.VIII.D.K3 Various frequency vibrations and the possible components that may be affected.

PH.VIII.D.K4 Causes and remedies for smoke or fire onboard the aircraft.

PH.VIII.D.K5 Any other system malfunction specific to the helicopter flown.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.D.R1 Startle response.

PH.VIII.D.R2 Checklist usage for a system or equipment malfunction.

PH.VIII.D.R3 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

PH.VIII.D.R4 Undesired aircraft state.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.D.S1 Determine appropriate action for simulated emergencies specified by the evaluator, from at least three of the elements or sub-elements listed in K1 through K5.

PH.VIII.D.S2 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

Task E. Vortex Ring State (VRS)

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with main rotor Vortex Ring State (VRS).

Note: See Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VIII.E.K1 Elements of vortex ring state.
 - PH.VIII.E.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
 - PH.VIII.E.K3 Requirements for the formation of VRS.
 - PH.VIII.E.K4 Aerodynamics and indications of VRS.
 - PH.VIII.E.K5 Flight scenarios under which VRS can occur.
 - PH.VIII.E.K6 Effective recovery techniques.
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Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VIII.E.R1 Pilot recognition and response to VRS.
 - PH.VIII.E.R2 Entering the maneuver at a lower altitude than planned.
 - PH.VIII.E.R3 Application of power or exceeding powerplant limitations.
 - PH.VIII.E.R4 Collision hazards.
 - PH.VIII.E.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
 - PH.VIII.E.R6 Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
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Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VIII.E.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VIII.E.S2 Clear the area.
- PH.VIII.E.S3 Select an altitude that allows recovery to be completed no lower than 1,000 feet AGL or as recommended by the manufacturer, whichever is higher.
- PH.VIII.E.S4 Establish conditions leading to VRS entry.
- PH.VIII.E.S5 Promptly recognize, announce, and recover at the first indication of VRS.
- PH.VIII.E.S6 Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.

Task F. Low Rotor Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) Recognition and Recovery

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with low rotor rpm recognition and recovery.

Note: See Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.VIII.F.K1* Elements related to low rotor rpm recovery energy management, including the combination of conditions that may lead to this situation.
- PH.VIII.F.K2* Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
- PH.VIII.F.K3* Aerodynamics that affect low rotor rpm conditions.
- PH.VIII.F.K4* Powerplant performance.
- PH.VIII.F.K5* Main rotor (Nr) limitations.
- PH.VIII.F.K6* Difference between low rotor rpm and blade stall.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.VIII.F.R1* Powerplant limitations.
- PH.VIII.F.R2* Powerplant governor operation.
- PH.VIII.F.R3* Collision hazards.
- PH.VIII.F.R4* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.VIII.F.R5* Low inertia rotor systems.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.VIII.F.S1* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- PH.VIII.F.S2* Clear the area.
- PH.VIII.F.S3* Detect the development of low rotor rpm and initiate prompt corrective action.
- PH.VIII.F.S4* Execute the recovery procedure to return rotor rpm to normal limits.

Task G. Antitorque System Failure

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge and risk management associated with an antitorque system failure.

Note: Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.G.K1 Elements related to antitorque system failure by describing:

PH.VIII.G.K1a a. Indications of an antitorque system failure(s)

PH.VIII.G.K1b b. Differences between complete loss of antitorque and mechanical flight control failures

PH.VIII.G.K1c c. RFM procedures for antitorque system(s) failure

PH.VIII.G.K2 Wind conditions that favor a landing with an antitorque failure.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.G.R1 Preflight inspection of the antitorque system.

PH.VIII.G.R2 Antitorque failure(s) for the aircraft supplied for the practical test.

PH.VIII.G.R3 Use of antitorque failure procedures.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.G.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

Task H. Dynamic Rollover

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM; SAFO 16016

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge and risk management associated with dynamic rollover.

Note: Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.H.K1 Elements related to dynamic rollover.

PH.VIII.H.K2 Interactions between thrust, crosswind, slope, lateral CG, aircraft weight, and flight controls that contribute to dynamic rollover.

PH.VIII.H.K3 Preventive flight technique and recovery during flight operations, including slope operations.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.H.R1 Surface conditions conducive to dynamic rollover.

PH.VIII.H.R2 Landing gear proximity to obstructions on the ground during low altitude hover.

PH.VIII.H.R3 Flight control inputs during takeoff or landing.

PH.VIII.H.R4 Sideward hover.

PH.VIII.H.R5 Aircraft slope limitations.

PH.VIII.H.R6 Critical rollover angle and rolling moment.

PH.VIII.H.R7 Translating tendency.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.H.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

Task I. Ground Resonance

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge and risk management associated with ground resonance.

Note: Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.I.K1 Exhibits knowledge of the elements related to ground resonance by describing:

PH.VIII.I.K1a a. Conditions that contribute to ground resonance

PH.VIII.I.K1b b. Preventive flight technique during takeoffs and landings

PH.VIII.I.K1c c. Landing surface

PH.VIII.I.K2 Inspection of items that may contribute to ground resonance.

PH.VIII.I.K3 Corrective actions during low and normal rotor rpm speeds.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.I.R1 Factors that may contribute to the onset of ground resonance.

PH.VIII.I.R2 Recognition of the onset of ground resonance.

PH.VIII.I.R3 Recovery procedure selection.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.I.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

Task J. Low Gravity (G) Recognition and Recovery

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge and risk management associated with low G conditions.

Note: Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.J.K1 Exhibits knowledge of the elements related to low G conditions by describing:

PH.VIII.J.K1a a. Aerodynamic factors related to low G conditions

PH.VIII.J.K1b b. Situations that contribute to low G conditions

PH.VIII.J.K1c c. Avoidance, recognition, and appropriate recovery procedures

PH.VIII.J.K2 Effects of low G conditions on various rotor systems.

PH.VIII.J.K3 Pilot responses that lead to mast bumping in a low G condition, if applicable.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.J.R1 Control inputs that cause low G conditions.

PH.VIII.J.R2 Turbulence/gusty wind conditions.

PH.VIII.J.R3 Control inputs that cause mast bumping.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.J.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

Task K. Emergency Equipment and Survival Gear

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with emergency equipment, and survival gear appropriate to the helicopter and environment encountered during flight.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.VIII.K.K1 Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) operations, limitations, and testing requirements.

PH.VIII.K.K2 Fire extinguisher operations and limitations.

PH.VIII.K.K3 Emergency equipment and survival gear needed for:

PH.VIII.K.K3a a. Climate extremes (hot/cold)

PH.VIII.K.K3b b. Mountainous terrain

PH.VIII.K.K3c c. Overwater operations

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.VIII.K.R1 Survival gear (water, clothing, shelter) for 48 to 72 hours.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.VIII.K.S1 Identify appropriate equipment and personal gear.

PH.VIII.K.S2 Brief passengers on proper use of on-board emergency equipment and survival gear.

Area of Operation IX. Night Operations

Task A. Night Operations

References: 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge and risk management associated with night operations.

Note: For applicants that reside in Alaska, refer to 14 CFR part 61, section 61.110.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

- PH.IX.A.K1 Physiological aspects of vision related to night flying.
- PH.IX.A.K2 Personal equipment essential for night flight.
- PH.IX.A.K3 Helicopter equipment and lighting requirements for night operations.
- PH.IX.A.K4 Lighting systems identifying airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas, runways, taxiways and obstructions, as well as pilot controlled lighting.
- PH.IX.A.K5 Night orientation, navigation, chart reading techniques and methods for maintaining night vision effectiveness.
- PH.IX.A.K6 Night taxi operations.
- PH.IX.A.K7 Interpretation of traffic position and direction based solely on position lights.
- PH.IX.A.K8 Visual illusions at night.
- PH.IX.A.K9 Appropriate use of automation, if applicable.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

- PH.IX.A.R1 Collision hazards.
- PH.IX.A.R2 Runway incursion.
- PH.IX.A.R3 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- PH.IX.A.R4 Effect of visual illusions and night adaptation during all phases of night flying.
- PH.IX.A.R5 Night currency versus proficiency.
- PH.IX.A.R6 Weather considerations specific to night operations.
- PH.IX.A.R7 Inoperative equipment.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- PH.IX.A.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

Area of Operation X. Postflight Procedures

Task A. After Landing, Parking, and Securing

References: FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

Objective: To determine the applicant exhibits satisfactory knowledge, risk management, and skills associated with after landing, parking, and securing procedures.

Knowledge: The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

PH.X.A.K1 Helicopter shutdown, securing, and postflight inspection.

PH.X.A.K2 Documenting in-flight/postflight discrepancies.

Risk

Management: The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:

PH.X.A.R1 Activities and distractions.

PH.X.A.R2 Parking the helicopter in a congested area.

PH.X.A.R3 Airport specific security procedures.

PH.X.A.R4 Disembark passengers safely and monitor passenger movement while on the ramp.

Skills: The applicant exhibits the skill to:

PH.X.A.S1 Minimize the hazardous effects of rotor downwash during hovering.

PH.X.A.S2 Park in an appropriate area, considering the safety of nearby persons and property.

PH.X.A.S3 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

PH.X.A.S5 Conduct a postflight inspection and document discrepancies and servicing requirements, if any.

PH.X.A.S6 Secure the helicopter.

Appendix 1: Practical Test Roles, Responsibilities, and Outcomes

Eligibility Requirements for a Private Pilot Certificate

The prerequisite requirements and general eligibility for a practical test and the specific requirements for the issuance of a Private Pilot Certificate in the Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating can be found in 14 CFR part 61, sections 61.39(a) and 61.103.

In accordance with 14 CFR part 61, section 61.39, the applicant must pass the airman knowledge test before taking the practical test, if applicable to the certificate or rating sought.

An applicant seeking to add an additional category or class to an existing certificate must comply with 14 CFR part 61, section 61.63, as applicable.

For an initial private certificate, applicants must pass the knowledge test listed in the following table as a prerequisite for the practical test.

Test Code	Test Name	Number of Questions	Age	Allotted Time	Passing Score
PRH	Private Pilot Helicopter	60	15	2.5	70

Use of the ACS During a Practical Test

The practical test is conducted in accordance with the ACS and FAA regulations that are current as of the date of the test.

The Areas of Operation in this ACS align with the Areas of Operation found in 14 CFR part 61, section 61.107(b). Each Area of Operation includes Tasks appropriate to that Area of Operation. Each Task contains an Objective stating what the applicant must know, consider, and/or do. The ACS then lists the aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and skill elements relevant to the specific Task, along with the conditions and standards for acceptable performance. The ACS uses Notes to emphasize special considerations.

During the ground and flight portion of the practical test, the FAA expects evaluators to assess the applicant's mastery of the topic in accordance with the level of learning most appropriate for the specified Task. The oral questioning will continue throughout the entire practical test. For some topics, the evaluator will ask the applicant to describe or explain. For other items, the evaluator will assess the applicant's understanding by providing a scenario that requires the applicant to appropriately apply and/or correlate knowledge, experience, and information to the circumstances of the given scenario. The flight portion of the practical test requires the applicant to demonstrate knowledge, risk management, flight proficiency, and operational skill in accordance with the ACS.

The elements within each Task in this ACS are coded according to a scheme that includes four components. For example, PH.I.C.K2:

PH = Applicable ACS

I = Area of Operation

C = Task

K2 = Task element (in this example, Knowledge 2)

There is no requirement for an evaluator to test every knowledge and risk management element in a Task; rather the evaluator has discretion to sample as needed to ensure the applicant's mastery of that Task. The required minimum elements to be tested from each applicable Task include:

- any elements in which the applicant was shown to be deficient on the knowledge test;
- at least one knowledge element;
- at least one risk management element; and
- all skill elements unless otherwise noted.

The Airman Knowledge Test Report (AKTR) lists ACS codes that correlate to a specific Task element for a given Area of Operation for any incorrect responses on the knowledge test.

Knowledge and risk management elements are primarily evaluated during the knowledge testing phase of the airman certification process. The evaluator administering the practical test has the discretion to combine Tasks/elements as appropriate to testing scenarios.

Unless otherwise noted in the Task, the evaluator must test each item in the skills section by observing the applicant perform each one. As safety of flight conditions permit, the evaluator should use questions during flight to test knowledge and risk management elements not evident in the demonstrated skills. To the greatest extent practicable, evaluators should test the applicant's ability to apply and correlate information and use rote questions only when they are appropriate for the material being tested.

If the Task includes a knowledge or risk element with sub-elements, the evaluator may choose the primary element and select at least one sub-element to satisfy the requirement. Selection of the sub-element satisfies the requirement for one element unless otherwise noted.

For example, an evaluator who chooses PH.I.F.K2 may select a sub-element such as PH.I.F.K2d to satisfy the requirement to select one knowledge element.

The References for each Task indicate the source material for Task elements. For example, in the Task element "Acceptable weather products and resources required for preflight planning, current and forecast weather for departure, en route, and arrival phases of flight such as:" (PH.I.C.K2), the applicant should be prepared for questions on any weather product presented in the references for that Task.

The FAA encourages applicants and instructors to use the ACS when preparing for the airman knowledge tests and practical tests. Evaluators must conduct the practical test in accordance with the current ACS and FAA regulations pursuant to 14 CFR part 61, section 61.43. If an applicant is entitled to credit for Areas of Operation previously passed as indicated on a Notice of Disapproval of Application or Letter of Discontinuance, evaluators shall use the ACS currently in effect on the date of the test.

The ground portion of the practical test allows the evaluator to determine whether the applicant is sufficiently prepared to advance to the flight portion of the practical test. The applicant must pass the ground portion of the practical test before beginning the flight portion. The oral questioning will continue throughout the entire practical test.

Combined Private/Instrument Test

Applicants for a combined Private Pilot Certificate with Instrument Rating, in accordance with 14 CFR part 61, section 61.65(a) and (g), must pass all areas designated in the Private Pilot for Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating and the Instrument Rating – Helicopter ACS. Evaluators need not duplicate Tasks. For example, only one preflight demonstration would be required; however, the Preflight Task from the Instrument Rating – Helicopter ACS would be more extensive than the Preflight Task from the Private Pilot for Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating ACS to ensure readiness for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight. Applicants for a combined test must present the applicable test reports.

A combined certificate and rating evaluation should be treated as one practical test, requiring only one application and resulting in only one temporary certificate, disapproval notice, or letter of discontinuance, as applicable. Failure of any Task will result in a failure of the entire test and application. Therefore, even if the deficient maneuver was instrument related and the performance of all visual flight rules (VFR) Tasks was determined to be satisfactory, the applicant will receive a notice of disapproval.

Instructor Responsibilities

The instructor trains and qualifies the applicant to meet the established standards for knowledge, risk management, and skill elements in all Tasks appropriate to the certificate and rating sought. The instructor should use this ACS and its references when preparing the applicant to take the practical test and when retraining the applicant to proficiency in any subject(s) missed on the knowledge test.

Evaluator Responsibilities

An evaluator is:

- Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI);
- Pilot examiner (other than administrative pilot examiners);
- Training center evaluator (TCE);
- Chief instructor, assistant chief instructor, or check instructor of pilot school holding examining authority; or

- Instrument Flight Instructor (CFII) conducting an instrument proficiency check (IPC).

The evaluator who conducts the practical test determines whether the applicant meets the established standards of aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and skills for the Tasks in the appropriate ACS. This responsibility also includes verifying the experience requirements specified for a certificate or rating.

The evaluator must determine that the applicant meets FAA Aviation English Language Standard (AELS). An applicant for an FAA certificate or rating must be able to communicate in English in a discernible and understandable manner with air traffic control (ATC), pilots, and others involved in preparing an aircraft for flight and operating an aircraft in flight. This communication may or may not involve radio communications. An applicant for an FAA certificate issued in accordance with 14 CFR parts 61, 63, 65, or 107 who cannot hear or speak due to a medical deficiency may be eligible for an FAA certificate with specific operational limitations. For additional information, reference AC 60-28, FAA English Language Standard for an FAA Certificate issued under 14 CFR Parts 61, 63, 65, and 107, as amended.

If the applicant's ability to meet the FAA AELS comes into question before starting the practical test, the evaluator will not begin the practical test. An evaluator who is not an ASI will check the box, Referred to FSO for Aviation English Language Standard Determination, located on the bottom of page 2 of the applicant's FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application, or FAA Form 8710-11, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application - Sport Pilot, as applicable. The evaluator will refer the applicant to the appropriate Flight Standards Office (FSO).

If the applicant's ability to meet the FAA AELS comes into question after the practical test begins, an evaluator who is not an ASI will discontinue the practical test and check the box, Referred to FSO for Aviation English Language Standard Determination, on the application. The evaluator will also issue FAA Form 8060-5, Notice of Disapproval of Application, with the comment "Does Not Demonstrate FAA AELS" in addition to any unsatisfactory Task(s). The evaluator will refer the applicant to the appropriate FSO. ASIs conducting the practical test may assess an applicant's English language proficiency in accordance with FAA Order 8900.1.

In either case, the evaluator must complete and submit the application file through normal application procedures and notify the appropriate FSO of the referral.

The evaluator must develop a plan of action (POA) and administer each practical test in English that includes all required Areas of Operation and Tasks. The POA must include scenario(s) that evaluate as many of the required Areas of Operation and Tasks as possible. As the scenario(s) unfolds during the test, the evaluator will introduce problems and emergencies that test the applicant's ability. The evaluator has the discretion to modify the POA in order to accommodate unexpected situations as they arise. For example, the evaluator may elect to suspend and later resume a scenario in order to assess certain Tasks.

Possible Outcomes of the Test

A practical test has three possible outcomes: (1) Temporary Airman Certificate (satisfactory), (2) Notice of Disapproval of Application (unsatisfactory), or (3) Letter of Discontinuance.

If the evaluator determines that a Task is incomplete, or the outcome is uncertain, the evaluator must require the applicant to repeat that Task, or portions of that Task. This provision does not mean that instruction, practice, or the repetition of an unsatisfactory Task is permitted during the practical test.

Satisfactory Performance

Refer to 14 CFR part 61, section 61.43, for satisfactory performance requirements.

Satisfactory performance will result in the issuance of a temporary certificate.

Unsatisfactory Performance

If, in the judgment of the evaluator, the applicant does not meet the standards for any Task, the applicant fails the Task and associated Area of Operation and the evaluator issues a Notice of Disapproval of Application. The evaluator lists the Area(s) of Operation in which the applicant did not meet the standard, any Area(s) of Operation not tested, and the number of practical test failures. The evaluator should also list the Tasks failed or Tasks not tested within any unsatisfactory or partially completed Area(s) of Operation. 14 CFR part 61, section 61.43(c)-(f) provides additional unsatisfactory performance requirements and parameters.

Typical areas of unsatisfactory performance and grounds for disqualification include:

- Any action or lack of action by the applicant that requires corrective intervention by the evaluator to maintain safe flight.
- Failure to use proper and effective visual scanning techniques to clear the area before and while performing maneuvers.
- Consistently exceeding tolerances stated in the skill elements of the Task.
- Failure to take prompt corrective action when tolerances are exceeded.
- Failure to exercise risk management.

The evaluator or the applicant may end the test if the applicant fails a Task. The evaluator may continue the test only with the consent of the applicant. The applicant receives credit only for those Areas of Operation and the associated Tasks performed satisfactorily.

Letter of Discontinuance

Refer to 14 CFR part 61, section 61.43(e)(2) for conditions to issue a Letter of Discontinuance.

If discontinuing a practical test for reasons other than unsatisfactory performance (e.g., equipment failure, weather, illness), the evaluator must return all test paperwork to the applicant. The evaluator must prepare, sign, and issue a Letter of Discontinuance that lists those Areas of Operation the applicant successfully completed and the time period remaining to complete the test to receive credit for previously completed Areas of Operation. The evaluator should advise the applicant to present the Letter of Discontinuance to the evaluator when the practical test resumes in order to receive credit for the items successfully completed. The Letter of Discontinuance becomes part of the applicant's certification file.

Time Limit and Credit after a Discontinued Practical Test

Refer to 14 CFR part 61, sections 61.39(f) and 61.43(f) after issuance of a Letter of Discontinuance or Notice of Disapproval of Application.

Additional Rating Task Table

For an applicant who holds a Private Certificate and seeks an additional Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating at the Private Pilot level, the evaluator must evaluate that applicant in the Areas of Operation and Tasks listed in the Additional Rating Task Table. The evaluator may evaluate the applicant's competence in the remaining Areas of Operation and Tasks.

If the applicant holds two or more category or class ratings at the private level, and the ratings table indicates different Task requirements, the "least restrictive" entry applies. For example, if "All" and "None" are indicated for one Area of Operation, the "None" entry applies. If the table indicates "B" and "B, C" the "B" entry applies.

Addition of a Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating to an Existing Private Pilot Certificate

The following table indicates the required Tasks for each Area of Operation tested in accordance with this ACS.

Area of Operation	Private Pilot Rating(s) Held								
	ASEL	ASES	AMEL	AMES	RG	Glider	Balloon	Airship	PL
I	E,F,G	E,F,G	E,F,G	E,F,G	E,F,G	D,E,F,G	D,E,F,G	E,F,G	E,F,G
II	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
III	A,C	A,C	A,C	A,C	A,C	All	All	A,C	A,C
IV	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
V	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
VI	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
VII	None	None	None	None	None	All	All	None	None
VIII	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
IX	None	None	None	None	None	All	All	All	None
X	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All

Appendix 2: Safety of Flight

General

Safety of flight must be the prime consideration at all times. The evaluator, applicant, and crew must be continually alert for other traffic. If performing aspects of a given maneuver, such as emergency procedures, would jeopardize safety, the evaluator will ask the applicant to simulate that portion of the maneuver. The evaluator will assess the applicant's use of visual scanning and collision avoidance procedures throughout the entire test.

Use of Checklists

Throughout the practical test, the applicant is evaluated on the use of an appropriate checklist.

Assessing proper checklist use depends upon the specific Task. In all cases, the evaluator should determine whether the applicant demonstrates CRM, appropriately divides attention and uses proper visual scanning. In some situations, reading the actual checklist may be impractical or unsafe. In such cases, the evaluator should assess the applicant's performance of published or recommended immediate action "memory" items along with his or her review of the appropriate checklist once conditions permit.

In a single-pilot aircraft, the applicant should demonstrate the crew resource management (CRM) principles described as single-pilot resource management (SRM). Proper use depends on the specific Task being evaluated. If the use of the checklist while accomplishing elements of an Objective would be either unsafe or impractical in a single-pilot operation, the applicant should review the checklist after accomplishing the elements.

Positive Exchange of Flight Controls

A clear understanding of who has control of the aircraft must exist. Prior to flight, the pilots involved should conduct a briefing that includes reviewing the procedures for exchanging flight controls.

The FAA recommends a positive three-step process for exchanging flight controls between pilots:

- When one pilot seeks to have the other pilot take control of the aircraft, they will say, "You have the flight controls."
- The second pilot acknowledges immediately by saying, "I have the flight controls."
- The first pilot again says, "You have the flight controls," and visually confirms the exchange.

Pilots should follow this procedure during any exchange of flight controls, including any occurrence during the practical test. The FAA also recommends that both pilots use a visual check to verify that the exchange has occurred. Doubt as to who is flying the aircraft should not occur.

Use of Distractions

Numerous studies indicate that many accidents have occurred when the pilot has been distracted during critical phases of flight. The evaluator should incorporate realistic distractions during the flight portion of the practical test to evaluate the pilot's situational awareness and ability to utilize proper control technique while dividing attention both inside and outside the flight deck.

Aeronautical Decision-Making, Risk Management, Crew Resource Management, and Single-Pilot Resource Management

Throughout the practical test, the evaluator must assess the applicant's ability to use sound aeronautical decision-making procedures in order to identify hazards and mitigate risk. The evaluator must accomplish this requirement by reference to the risk management elements of the given Task(s), and by developing scenarios that incorporate and combine Tasks appropriate to assessing the applicant's risk management in making safe aeronautical decisions. For example, the evaluator may develop a scenario that incorporates weather decisions and performance planning.

In assessing the applicant's performance, the evaluator should take note of the applicant's use of CRM and, if appropriate, SRM. CRM/SRM is the set of competencies that includes situational awareness, communication skills, teamwork, task allocation, and decision-making within a comprehensive framework of standard operating procedures (SOP). SRM specifically refers to the management of all resources onboard the aircraft, as well as outside resources available to the

single pilot.

If an applicant fails to use aeronautical decision-making (ADM), including SRM/CRM, as applicable in any Task, the evaluator will note that Task as failed. The evaluator will also include the ADM Skill element from the Flight Deck Management Task on the Notice of Disapproval of Application.

Simulated Powerplant Failure Considerations (Single and Multi-Engine Helicopters)

The evaluator must conduct a pre-flight briefing that includes expectations for testing any simulated powerplant failures, to include:

- Who will initiate the simulated powerplant failure;
- The method used to simulate the powerplant failure; and
- Who will perform the power recovery procedure.

Simulated powerplant failures and autorotations must be conducted in accordance with the POH/RFM.

During a simulated powerplant failure in any helicopter, the potential for a forced landing exists. The evaluator or applicant must ensure the safety of a potential landing site before commencing any simulated powerplant failure. Such areas include, but are not limited to, hard surface runways, taxiways, and designated hard surface landing areas, such as parking lots, grass fields, and grass runways in good condition. The evaluator and applicant must also consider winds, density altitude, temperature, aircraft loading, and type of helicopter.

Minimum altitude requirements for specific Tasks are listed in appendix 3.

Autorotations in a Single-Engine Helicopter

Except for the Powerplant Failure in a Hover Task, if at any time during an autorotation the evaluator or the applicant determines the helicopter is not in a position to safely continue the autorotation, a power recovery and go-around must be performed. If the reason for discontinuing the autorotation is due to the applicant's lack of judgment or skill, the Task is unsatisfactory.

While an applicant's inability to complete this Task within the tolerances specified in the skill elements is considered unsatisfactory, landing area safety concerns beyond the control of the applicant or evaluator that necessitate a go-around would not be considered unsatisfactory. The applicant and evaluator must not sacrifice the safety of flight and force a landing to complete this Task.

Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations

Aircraft Requirements & Limitations

If the aircraft has inoperative equipment and can be operated in accordance with 14 CFR part 91, section 91.213, it must be determined if any inoperative instruments or equipment are required to complete the practical test. The inoperative equipment must not interfere with practical test requirements.

Practical tests conducted in a flight simulation training device (FSTD) can only be accomplished as part of an approved curriculum or training program. Any limitations or powerplant failure will be noted and followed as part of that program.

Equipment Requirements & Limitations

The aircraft must meet the requirements as outlined in 14 CFR part 61, section 61.45.

To assist in management of the aircraft during the practical test, the applicant is expected to demonstrate automation management skills by utilizing installed, available, or airborne equipment such as autopilot, avionics and systems displays, and/or a flight management system (FMS). The evaluator is expected to test the applicant's knowledge of the systems that are available or installed and operative during both the ground and flight portions of the practical test. If the applicant has trained using a portable electronic flight bag (EFB) to display charts and data and wishes to use the EFB during the practical test, the applicant is expected to demonstrate appropriate knowledge, risk management, and skill appropriate to its use.

If the practical test involves maneuvering the aircraft solely by reference to instruments, the applicant is required by 14 CFR part 61, section 61.45(d)(2) to provide an appropriate view limiting device acceptable to the Administrator. The applicant and the evaluator should establish a procedure as to when and how this device should be donned and removed and brief this procedure before the flight. This device must prevent the applicant from having visual reference outside the aircraft, but it must not restrict the evaluator's ability to see and avoid other traffic. The use of the device does not apply to specific elements within a Task when there is a requirement for visual references.

Single and Multiengine Helicopters

The applicant must provide a single-engine helicopter for autorotation Tasks. An applicant who brings a multiengine helicopter to the practical test must demonstrate those Task(s) specific to a multiengine helicopter in addition to all other required Tasks.

Use of Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTD)

Applicants for a pilot certificate or rating can accomplish all or part of a practical test or proficiency check in an FSTD qualified under 14 CFR part 60, which includes full flight simulators (FFS) or flight training devices (FTD), only when conducted within an FAA-approved training program provided by an operator utilizing a part 119 air carrier or commercial operator certificate or an operator that holds a part 141 or 142 air agency certificate. Each operational rule part identifies additional requirements for the approval and use of FSTDs in an FAA-approved training program. Reference part 61, section 61.64(a)(2).

Credit for Pilot Time in an FSTD

14 CFR part 61 and part 141 specify the minimum experience requirements for each certificate or rating sought. 14 CFR part 61 and the appendices to part 141 specify the maximum amount of FFS or FTD flight training time an applicant can apply toward those experience requirements.

Use of Aviation Training Devices (ATD)

Applicants for a pilot certificate or rating cannot use an ATD to accomplish a practical test, a 14 CFR part 61, section 61.58 proficiency check, or the flight portion of a 14 CFR part 61, section 61.57 flight review. An ATD is defined in 14 CFR part 61, section 61.1.

The FAA's General Aviation and Commercial Division evaluates and approves ATDs as permitted under 14 CFR part 61, section 61.4(c) and FAA Order 8900.1. Each ATD is then issued an FAA letter of authorization (LOA) that is valid for 60 calendar months. The LOA for each ATD lists the pilot time credit allowances and associated limitations.

The Pilot Training and Certification Group public website provides [a list of the FAA-approved ATDs](#) and the associated manufacturer.

Credit for Pilot Time in an ATD

14 CFR part 61 and part 141 specify the minimum experience requirements for each certificate or rating sought. 14 CFR part 61 and the appendices to part 141 specify the maximum amount of ATD flight training time an applicant can apply toward those experience requirements. The LOA for each FAA-approved ATD lists the pilot time credit allowances and the associated limitations.

Evaluators must request an applicant to provide a copy of the manufacturer's LOA when using ATD flight training time credit to meet the minimum experience requirements for an airman pilot certificate, rating, or privilege.

Operational Requirements, Limitations, & Task Information

IV. Hovering Maneuvers

Task E. Slope Operations

Demonstration of parallel slope operations must be conducted in accordance with the helicopter manufacturer's limitations, if published. If no slope limitations are published for the helicopter being used, parallel slope operations of approximately 5-10 degrees may be demonstrated. Landings with the helicopter facing downhill or uphill will not be tested during certification. A thorough review of the intended slope operations area must be conducted to ensure clearance from hazards.

VI. Performance Maneuvers

Task B. Straight-In Autorotation in a Single-Engine Helicopter

The minimum entry altitude must be at least 500 feet AGL or a suitable higher entry altitude in strong wind conditions. Initiating a go-around as a result of an applicant's inability to complete this Task within the tolerances specified in the skill elements is considered unsatisfactory. Landing area safety concerns beyond the control of the applicant or evaluator that necessitate a go-around would not be considered unsatisfactory. The applicant and evaluator must not sacrifice the safety of flight and force a landing to complete this Task.

Task C. Autorotation with Turns in a Single-Engine Helicopter

The minimum entry altitude must be above 500 feet AGL or a suitable higher entry altitude in strong wind conditions. At least two 90 degree turns in the same direction or one continuous 180-degree turn must be performed. If the applicant does not roll out of the turn by 300 feet AGL then the evaluator must direct the applicant to perform a power recovery and initiate a go-around, and the Task is considered unsatisfactory.

VIII. Emergency Operations

Task B. Powerplant Failure at Altitude in a Single-Engine Helicopter

The altitude, airspeed, and location must be considered so the helicopter is in a position to achieve a safe landing if an actual powerplant failure occurs. The minimum altitude to initiate a power failure must be at least 1,000 feet AGL with a power recovery completed by at least 500 feet AGL.

Task C. Approach and Landing with One Engine Inoperative (OEI) (simulated) (Multiengine Helicopter Only)

The evaluator must include this Task on the practical test for an applicant who provides a multiengine helicopter. The minimum altitude to initiate this Task must be at least 1000 feet AGL for this maneuver. The evaluator must conduct a preflight briefing with the applicant regarding the expectations of any simulated powerplant failure. See Appendix 2.

Task E. Vortex Ring State (VRS)

The evaluator must conduct a briefing with the applicant regarding the selection of a safe entry altitude, recognition of the onset of VRS, and recovery within the Task standards. The area must be free of obstructions should a landing become

necessary.

Task F. Low Rotor Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) Recognition and Recovery

The evaluator must test the applicant orally on this Task if the helicopter used for the practical test has a governor that cannot be disabled. During the pre-flight briefing, evaluators must discuss avoiding any condition that may lead to rotor stall during the demonstration of this Task. If the skills are tested in flight, evaluators and applicants must ensure the helicopter's main rotor system remains in a safe operating range in accordance with the POH/RFM. Evaluators must not test this Task during critical phases of flight (e.g., takeoffs or landings).

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