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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 Flight Instructor for Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating Airman Certification Standards (ACS) to communicate the aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and flight proficiency standards for a Flight Instructor Certificate 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. Fundamentals of Instructing

**Note:** The evaluator must select Task E, Task F, and at least one other Task for initial flight instructor applicants. During a practical test for an added flight instructor rating or flight instructor reinstatement, the evaluator has discretion to evaluate the applicant on Fundamentals of Instructing.

### Task A. Effects of Human Behavior and Communication on the Learning Process

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands human behavior and effective communication, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant understands and explains:

*FI.I.A.K1* Elements of human behavior, including:

*FI.I.A.K1a* a. Definitions of human behavior

*FI.I.A.K1b* b. Instructor and learner relationship

*FI.I.A.K1c* c. Motivation

*FI.I.A.K1d* d. Human needs

*FI.I.A.K1e* e. Defense mechanisms

*FI.I.A.K2* Learner emotional reactions, including:

*FI.I.A.K2a* a. Anxiety and stress

*FI.I.A.K2b* b. Impatience

*FI.I.A.K2c* c. Worry or lack of interest

*FI.I.A.K2d* d. Physical discomfort, illness, fatigue, and dehydration

*FI.I.A.K2e* e. Apathy due to inadequate instruction

*FI.I.A.K3* Teaching the adult learner.

*FI.I.A.K4* Effective communication, including:

*FI.I.A.K4a* a. Basic elements of communication

*FI.I.A.K4b* b. Barriers to effective communication

*FI.I.A.K4c* c. Developing communication skills

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#### Risk

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

*FI.I.A.R1* Recognizing and accommodating human behavior.

*FI.I.A.R2* Barriers to communication.

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**Skills:** The applicant exhibits the skill to:

*FI.I.A.S1* Give examples of how human behavior affects motivation and learning.

*FI.I.A.S2* Describe what the instructor can do to deal with:

- FI.I.A.S2a*      a. Serious abnormal emotional behavior
- FI.I.A.S2b*      b. Defense mechanisms
- FI.I.A.S3*      Use effective communication in ground and flight instruction.

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## Task B. Learning Process

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the learning process, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant understands and explains:

- FI.I.B.K1 Definitions of learning.
- FI.I.B.K2 Learning theory as it applies to ground and flight instruction, including:
  - FI.I.B.K2a a. Behaviorism
  - FI.I.B.K2b b. Cognitive Theory
- FI.I.B.K3 Perceptions and insight.
- FI.I.B.K4 Acquiring knowledge.
- FI.I.B.K5 Laws of learning.
- FI.I.B.K6 Domains of learning, including:
  - FI.I.B.K6a a. Cognitive
  - FI.I.B.K6b b. Affective
  - FI.I.B.K6c c. Psychomotor
- FI.I.B.K7 Characteristics of learning.
- FI.I.B.K8 Scenario-based training (SBT).
- FI.I.B.K9 Acquiring skill knowledge, including:
  - FI.I.B.K9a a. Stages
  - FI.I.B.K9b b. Knowledge of results
  - FI.I.B.K9c c. How to develop skills
  - FI.I.B.K9d d. Learning plateaus
- FI.I.B.K10 Types of practice.
- FI.I.B.K11 Evaluation versus critique.
- FI.I.B.K12 Distractions, interruptions, fixation, and inattention.
- FI.I.B.K13 Errors.
- FI.I.B.K14 Memory, including:
  - FI.I.B.K14a a. Sensory
  - FI.I.B.K14b b. Short-Term Memory (STM) and Long-Term Memory (LTM)
  - FI.I.B.K14c c. How usage affects memory
  - FI.I.B.K14d d. Forgetting
- FI.I.B.K15 Retention of learning.

*FI.I.B.K16*      Transfer of learning.

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**Risk**

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

- FI.I.B.R1*      Inadequate or incomplete instruction.
- FI.I.B.R2*      Lack of learner motivation.
- FI.I.B.R3*      Recognizing and correcting learner errors.

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**Skills:**      The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- FI.I.B.S1*      Apply educational theories to ground and flight instruction.
- FI.I.B.S2*      Recognize and correct conditions that undermine the learning process.
- FI.I.B.S3*      Plan for and use techniques, including realistic distractions that teach flight students how to manage a workload.

## Task C. Course Development, Lesson Plans, and Classroom Training Techniques

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the teaching process, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant understands and explains:
FI.I.C.K1	Teaching, including:
FI.I.C.K1a	a. Process
FI.I.C.K1b	b. Essential skills
FI.I.C.K2	Course of training.
FI.I.C.K3	Preparation of a lesson, including:
FI.I.C.K3a	a. Training objectives and completion standards
FI.I.C.K3b	b. Performance-based objectives
FI.I.C.K3c	c. Importance of Airman Certification Standards (ACS) in aviation training curricula
FI.I.C.K3d	d. Decision-based objectives
FI.I.C.K4	Organization of material.
FI.I.C.K5	Training delivery methods, including:
FI.I.C.K5a	a. Lecture
FI.I.C.K5b	b. Discussion
FI.I.C.K5c	c. Guided discussion
FI.I.C.K5d	d. Cooperative or group learning
FI.I.C.K5e	e. Demonstration-performance
FI.I.C.K5f	f. Drill and practice
FI.I.C.K6	Electronic learning (e-Learning).
FI.I.C.K7	Instructional aids and training technologies, including:
FI.I.C.K7a	a. Characteristics of effective instructional aids
FI.I.C.K7b	b. Reasons for use
FI.I.C.K7c	c. Guidelines for use
FI.I.C.K7d	d. Types
FI.I.C.K8	Integrated flight instruction.
FI.I.C.K9	Problem-based instruction.
FI.I.C.K10	Planning instructional activity, including:
FI.I.C.K10a	a. Blocks of learning
FI.I.C.K10b	b. Training syllabus
FI.I.C.K10c	c. Lesson plans

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**Risk**

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

*FI.I.C.R1*      Selection of teaching method.

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**Skills:**      The applicant exhibits the skill to:

*FI.I.C.S1*      Prepare an instructional lesson plan using teaching methods and materials appropriate for Task and learner characteristics, including:

*FI.I.C.S1a*      a. Aeronautical knowledge ground lesson applicable for a classroom

*FI.I.C.S1b*      b. Maneuver introduction and ground lesson

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### Task D. Student Evaluation, Assessment, and Testing

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands evaluation and testing, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant understands and explains:

*FI.I.D.K1* Purpose and characteristics of effective assessment.

*FI.I.D.K2* Traditional assessments.

*FI.I.D.K3* Authentic assessments, including:

*FI.I.D.K3a* a. Learner-centered assessment

*FI.I.D.K3b* b. Maneuver or procedure grades

*FI.I.D.K3c* c. Assessing risk management skills

*FI.I.D.K4* Choosing an effective assessment method.

*FI.I.D.K5* Purposes and types of critiques.

*FI.I.D.K6* Oral assessment, including:

*FI.I.D.K6a* a. Characteristics of effective questions

*FI.I.D.K6b* b. Types of questions to avoid

*FI.I.D.K6c* c. Answering learner questions

*FI.I.D.K7* Assessment of piloting ability.

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#### **Risk**

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

*FI.I.D.R1* Delivering an assessment.

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**Skills:** The applicant exhibits the skill to:

*FI.I.D.S1* Use appropriate methods and techniques to assess learner performance in ground or flight training.

### Task E. Elements of Effective Teaching in a Professional Environment

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands effects of instructor behavior on effective teaching, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates understanding of:

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| <i>FI.I.E.K1</i>  | Aviation instructor responsibilities, including:  |
| <i>FI.I.E.K1a</i> | a. Helping learners   |
| <i>FI.I.E.K1b</i> | b. Providing adequate instruction   |
| <i>FI.I.E.K1c</i> | c. Training to established standards of performance   |
| <i>FI.I.E.K1d</i> | d. Emphasizing the positive   |
| <i>FI.I.E.K1e</i> | e. Minimizing learner frustrations  |
| <i>FI.I.E.K2</i>  | Flight instructor responsibilities, including supervision and surveillance during training. |
| <i>FI.I.E.K3</i>  | Flight instructor qualifications and professionalism.                                       |
| <i>FI.I.E.K4</i>  | Professional development.   |
| <i>FI.I.E.K5</i>  | Instructor ethics and conduct.  |

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**Risk**

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

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| <i>FI.I.E.R1</i> | Fulfilling instructor responsibilities. |
| <i>FI.I.E.R2</i> | Exhibiting professionalism.             |

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**Skills:** The applicant exhibits the skill to:

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| <i>FI.I.E.S1</i> | Deliver ground or flight instruction on an evaluator-assigned Task in a manner consistent with instructor responsibilities and professional characteristics as stated in K1 through K5. |
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## Task F. Elements of Effective Teaching that Include Risk Management and Accident Prevention

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands teaching practical risk management, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Knowledge:** The applicant understands and explains:

- FI.I.F.K1 Teaching risk identification, assessment, and mitigation.
- FI.I.F.K2 Teaching risk management tools, including:
  - FI.I.F.K2a a. Pilot/Aircraft/enVironment/External Pressures (PAVE) checklist
  - FI.I.F.K2b b. Flight Risk Assessment Tools (FRATs)
- FI.I.F.K3 When and how to introduce risk management.
- FI.I.F.K4 Risk management teaching techniques by phase of instruction.
- FI.I.F.K5 Managing risk during flight instruction, including:
  - FI.I.F.K5a a. Common flight instruction risks
  - FI.I.F.K5b b. Best practices
  - FI.I.F.K5c c. Special considerations while teaching takeoffs and landings
- FI.I.F.K6 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:

- FI.I.F.R1 Hazards associated with providing flight instruction.
- FI.I.F.R2 Obstacles to maintaining situational awareness during flight instruction.
- FI.I.F.R3 Recognizing and managing hazards arising from human behavior, including hazardous attitudes.

**Skills:** The applicant exhibits the skill to:

- FI.I.F.S1 Use scenario-based training (SBT) to demonstrate, teach, and assess risk management and Aeronautical Decision-Making (ADM) skills in the context of a Task specified by the evaluator.
- FI.I.F.S2 Identify, assess, and mitigate risks commonly associated with flight instruction by maintaining:
  - FI.I.F.S2a a. Awareness and oversight of the learner's actions, with timely and appropriate supervision, intervention, or mitigation as needed
  - FI.I.F.S2b b. Awareness of the learner's cognitive/physiological state, with timely action to mitigate anxiety, fatigue, or other obstruction to learning
  - FI.I.F.S2c c. Overall situational awareness of the aircraft's dynamic state, its position in space, and vigilance for unexpected events or changing circumstances that occur in the environment
- FI.I.F.S3 Model and teach safety practices, including maintaining:
  - FI.I.F.S3a a. Collision avoidance while simultaneously providing instruction
  - FI.I.F.S3b b. Avoidance of unnecessary distractions
  - FI.I.F.S3c c. Coordinated flight

- FI.I.F.S3d* d. Awareness of who is manipulating controls through positive exchange of flight controls
- FI.I.F.S3e* e. Continuous awareness of the aircraft's dynamic state and position in the NAS

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## Area of Operation II. Technical Subject Areas

**Note:** The evaluator must select Tasks C and L from this area of operation and at least one other Task.

### Task A. Human Factors

**References:** AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands personal health, flight physiology, aeromedical and human factors, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.II.A.R1	Aeromedical and physiological issues.
HI.II.A.R2	Hazardous attitudes.
HI.II.A.R3	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
HI.II.A.R4	Confirmation and expectation bias.

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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
<i>HI.II.A.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>HI.II.A.S2</i>	Perform self-assessment, including fitness for flight and personal minimums, for actual flight or a scenario given by the evaluator.

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## Task B. Visual Scanning and Collision Avoidance

**References:** AC 90-48; AIM; FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands visual scanning and collision avoidance, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate pilot-in-command skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.B.K1 Environmental conditions that degrade vision.
- HI.II.B.K2 Vestibular and visual illusions.
- HI.II.B.K3 “See and Avoid” responsibilities.
- HI.II.B.K4 Visual scanning procedure and the importance of peripheral vision.
- HI.II.B.K5 Aircraft blind spots and clearing procedures.
- HI.II.B.K6 Visual cues of an impending mid-air collision.
- HI.II.B.K7 Situations that create the greatest collision risk.
- HI.II.B.K8 Division of attention inside and outside the aircraft.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.B.R1 Distractions to visual scanning.
- HI.II.B.R2 Relaxed intermediate focal distance.
- HI.II.B.R3 High volume operational environments.
- HI.II.B.R4 Collision reaction time.
- HI.II.B.R5 Use of a safety pilot.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.B.S1 Effectively scan using short regularly spaced eye movements.
- HI.II.B.S2 Scan around physical obstructions.
- HI.II.B.S3 Use appropriate visual scanning techniques.
- HI.II.B.S4 Use electronic traffic alert systems, if available.

### Task C. Runway Incursion Avoidance

**References:** AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands runway incursion avoidance, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

HI.II.C.K1 Runway incursion definition.

HI.II.C.K2 Taxi instructions/clearances.

HI.II.C.K3 The importance of recording taxi instructions and reviewing taxi routes on the airport diagram.

HI.II.C.K4 Airport markings, signs, and lights including the importance of hold lines associated with runways.

HI.II.C.K5 Appropriate flight deck activities during taxiing, including taxi route planning, briefing the location of Hot Spots, communicating and coordinating with ATC.

HI.II.C.K6 Communication and operational procedures at uncontrolled airports.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

HI.II.C.R1 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

HI.II.C.R2 Confirmation or expectation bias as related to taxi instructions.

HI.II.C.R3 Entering or crossing runways.

HI.II.C.R4 Night taxi operations.

HI.II.C.R5 Low visibility taxi operations.

HI.II.C.R6 Runway incursion after landing.

HI.II.C.R7 Operating on taxiways between parallel runways.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates how to:

HI.II.C.S1 Deliver instruction on the elements and techniques for runway incursion avoidance.

### Task D. Principles of Flight

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands aerodynamics appropriate to the desired instructor certificate, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.D.K1 Lift, weight, thrust, and drag.
- HI.II.D.K2 Airfoils, including terminology, definitions, and types.
- HI.II.D.K3 Torque effect and translating tendency.
- HI.II.D.K4 Gyroscopic precession.
- HI.II.D.K5 Blade flapping and coning.
- HI.II.D.K6 Coriolis effect.
- HI.II.D.K7 Pendular action.
- HI.II.D.K8 Dissymmetry of lift.
- HI.II.D.K9 Retreating blade stall.
- HI.II.D.K10 Translational lift, including effective translational lift (ETL).
- HI.II.D.K11 Transverse flow effect.
- HI.II.D.K12 Aerodynamics of autorotative flight.
- HI.II.D.K13 Rotor system characteristics.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.D.R1 The basic aerodynamic principles of flight.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.D.S1 Deliver instruction on principles of flight, including at least three of the elements listed K1 through K13.

### Task E. Flight Controls

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the flight controls on the helicopter provided for the flight test, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.E.K1      Cyclic.
- HI.II.E.K2      Collective.
- HI.II.E.K3      Antitorque pedals.
- HI.II.E.K4      Throttle and governor, if equipped.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.E.R1      Use of flight controls.
- HI.II.E.R2      Uncoordinated flight.
- HI.II.E.R3      Flight control inputs when operating too close to the ground or other obstructions.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.E.S1      Operate the flight controls.



## Task F. Operation of Systems

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands systems on the helicopter provided for the flight test, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.II.F.K1	Helicopter systems, including:
HI.II.F.K1a	a. Flight controls, trim, and if installed, stability control
HI.II.F.K1b	b. Powerplant(s)
HI.II.F.K1c	c. Main rotor and antitorque systems
HI.II.F.K1d	d. Transmission and associated drive shafts
HI.II.F.K1e	e. Fuel, oil, and hydraulic
HI.II.F.K1f	f. Landing gear, brakes, steering, skids, or floats, as applicable
HI.II.F.K1g	g. Avionics
HI.II.F.K1h	h. Electrical
HI.II.F.K1i	i. Pitot-static, vacuum/pressure, and associated flight instruments
HI.II.F.K1j	j. Environmental
HI.II.F.K1k	k. Anti-icing and deicing, including carburetor heat, if applicable
HI.II.F.K2	Indications of and procedures for managing system abnormalities or failures.
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<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.II.F.R1	Detection of system malfunctions or failures.
HI.II.F.R2	Management of a system failure.
HI.II.F.R3	Monitoring and management of automated systems.
HI.II.F.R4	Providing instruction in unfamiliar aircraft or operating with unfamiliar flight display systems and avionics.
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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.II.F.S1	Operate at least three of the helicopter's systems listed in K1a through K1k.
HI.II.F.S2	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

## Task G. Performance and Limitations

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands helicopter performance and limitations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.G.K1 Elements related to performance and limitations by explaining the use of charts, tables, and data to determine performance.
- HI.II.G.K2 Factors affecting performance, including:
  - HI.II.G.K2a a. Atmospheric conditions
  - HI.II.G.K2b b. Pilot technique
  - HI.II.G.K2c c. Airport, heliport, helipad, or unprepared surface environment
  - HI.II.G.K2d d. Loading and weight and balance
  - HI.II.G.K2e e. Helicopter configuration
- HI.II.G.K3 Weight and balance terms, including: basic empty weight, maximum gross weight, arm, moment, reference datum, center of gravity (CG) and CG limits, and useful load.
- HI.II.G.K4 Methods for computing longitudinal/lateral CG.
- HI.II.G.K5 Aerodynamics.
- HI.II.G.K6 Height/Velocity (H/V) diagram according to the Rotorcraft Flight Manual (RFM).

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.G.R1 Use of performance charts, tables, and data.
- HI.II.G.R2 Helicopter limitations.
- HI.II.G.R3 Possible differences between calculated performance and actual performance.
- HI.II.G.R4 Exceeding weight limits.
- HI.II.G.R5 Operating outside of CG limits.
- HI.II.G.R6 Shifting, adding, and removing weight.
- HI.II.G.R7 Retreating blade stall.
- HI.II.G.R8 Situations that lead to loss of tail rotor/antitorque effectiveness (LTE).

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.G.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.
- HI.II.G.S2 Use appropriate helicopter performance charts, tables, and data.

### Task H. National Airspace System

**References:** 14 CFR parts 71, 91, 93; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9; Helicopter Route Charts; VFR Navigation Charts

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the National Airspace System, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.H.K1      Airspace classes and associated requirements and limitations.
- HI.II.H.K2      Chart symbols.
- HI.II.H.K3      Special use airspace (SUA), special flight rules areas (SFRA), temporary flight restrictions (TFR), and other airspace areas.
- HI.II.H.K4      Currency of publications.
- HI.II.H.K5      Special visual flight rules (VFR) requirements.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.H.R1      Various classes and types of airspace.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.H.S1      Identify and comply with the requirements for basic VFR weather minimums and flying in particular classes of airspace.
- HI.II.H.S2      Correctly identify airspace and operate in accordance with associated communication and equipment requirements.
- HI.II.H.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 I. Navigation Systems and Radar Services

**References:** AC 91-78; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands navigation systems and radar services, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.II.I.K1	Ground-based navigation (identification, orientation, course determination, equipment, tests, and regulations, interference, appropriate use of navigation data, signal integrity).
HI.II.I.K2	Satellite-based navigation (e.g., equipment, regulations, authorized use of databases, and Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM)).
HI.II.I.K3	Radar assistance to visual flight rules (VFR) aircraft (e.g., operations, equipment, available services, traffic advisories).
HI.II.I.K4	Transponder (Mode(s) A, C, and S) and Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B).
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.II.I.R1	Management of automated navigation and autoflight systems.
HI.II.I.R2	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
HI.II.I.R3	Limitations of the navigation system in use.
HI.II.I.R4	Loss of a navigation signal.
HI.II.I.R5	At the discretion of the evaluator, use the autopilot to make appropriate course intercepts, if installed.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.II.I.S1	Use an airborne electronic navigation system.
HI.II.I.S2	Determine the aircraft's position using the navigation system.
HI.II.I.S3	Intercept and track a given course, radial, or bearing.
HI.II.I.S4	Recognize and describe the indication of station or waypoint passage.
HI.II.I.S5	Recognize loss of navigational signal and take appropriate action.
HI.II.I.S6	Use proper communication procedures when utilizing radar services.
HI.II.I.S7	Maintain the selected altitude, $\pm 100$ feet and heading, $\pm 10^\circ$ .

## Task J. Navigation and Cross-Country Flight Planning

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AC 91.21-1; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; Helicopter Route Charts; NOTAMs; POH/RFM; VFR Navigation Charts

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands navigation and cross-country flight planning, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.J.K1 Route planning, including consideration of different classes and special use airspace (SUA) and selection of appropriate and available navigation/communication systems and facilities.
- HI.II.J.K2 Altitude selection accounting for terrain and obstacles, autorotation requirements of the helicopter, VFR cruising altitudes, and the effect of wind.
- HI.II.J.K3 Plotting a course.
- HI.II.J.K4 Power setting selection.
- HI.II.J.K5 Calculating:
  - HI.II.J.K5a a. Time, climb and descent rates, course, distance, heading, true airspeed, and groundspeed
  - HI.II.J.K5b b. Estimated time of arrival, including conversion to universal coordinated time (UTC)
  - HI.II.J.K5c c. Fuel requirements, including reserve
- HI.II.J.K6 Elements of a VFR flight plan.
- HI.II.J.K7 Correlate weather information to make a go/no-go decision.
- HI.II.J.K8 Procedures for activating and closing a VFR flight plan.
- HI.II.J.K9 Magnetic compass errors.
- HI.II.J.K10 Pilotage and dead reckoning.
- HI.II.J.K11 Planned calculations versus actual results and required corrections.
- HI.II.J.K12 Diversion and lost procedures.
- HI.II.J.K13 In-flight intercept procedures.
- HI.II.J.K14 Use of an electronic flight bag (EFB), if used.
- HI.II.J.K15 Chart symbols.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.J.R1 Pilot.
- HI.II.J.R2 Aircraft.
- HI.II.J.R3 Environment (e.g., weather, airports, airspace, terrain, obstacles, including wire strike hazards).
- HI.II.J.R4 External pressures.
- HI.II.J.R5 Limitations of air traffic control (ATC) services.

HI.II.J.R6 Fuel planning.

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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.II.J.S1	Prepare, present, and explain a cross-country flight plan assigned by the evaluator, including a risk analysis to the first fuel stop.
HI.II.J.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.
HI.II.J.S3	Create a navigation plan and simulate filing a VFR flight plan.
HI.II.J.S4	Recalculate fuel reserves based on a scenario provided by the evaluator.

### Task K. 14 CFR and Publications

**References:** 14 CFR parts 1, 61, 91; 49 CFR part 830; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the Code of Federal Regulations and other relevant publications, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.K.K1 14 CFR parts 1, 61, and 91.
- HI.II.K.K2 49 CFR part 830.
- HI.II.K.K3 Advisory Circulars, INFOs and SAFOs.
- HI.II.K.K4 Airman Certification Standards or Practical Test Standards.
- HI.II.K.K5 Pilot's Operating Handbooks or flight manuals.
- HI.II.K.K6 Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.II.K.R1 Use of expired charts, manuals, or publications without current updates.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.K.S1 Teach at least one of the elements listed in K1 through K6.

### Task L. Endorsements and Logbook Entries

**References:** 14 CFR part 61; AC 61-65, FAA-H-8083-9

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands logbook entries and endorsements, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.II.L.K1	Required logbook entries for instruction given.
HI.II.L.K2	Required student pilot pre-solo knowledge test, solo endorsements, and logbook entries.
HI.II.L.K3	Other required pilot logbook endorsements (e.g., touchdown autorotation, Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR)).
HI.II.L.K4	Preparation of a recommendation for a pilot practical test, including appropriate logbook entry and relevant certificate/rating application for:
HI.II.L.K4a	a. Initial pilot certification
HI.II.L.K4b	b. Additional pilot certification
HI.II.L.K4c	c. Additional aircraft qualification
HI.II.L.K5	Endorsement of a pilot logbook for the satisfactory completion of an FAA flight review.
HI.II.L.K6	Required flight instructor records.
HI.II.L.K7	Flight instructor renewal and reinstatement requirements.

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<b>Risk</b>	
<b>Management:</b>	The applicant is able to identify, assess, and mitigate risk associated with:
HI.II.L.R1	Endorsements without appropriate limitations or expiration dates.

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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.II.L.S1	Describe and prepare logbook entries/endorsements required for at least two of the events specified in the elements or sub-elements of K1 through K5.



## Task M. Night Operations

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands night operations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.II.M.K1 Physiological aspects of vision related to night flying.
- HI.II.M.K2 Lighting systems identifying airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas, runways, taxiways and obstructions, as well as pilot controlled lighting.
- HI.II.M.K3 Helicopter equipment and lighting requirements for night operations.
- HI.II.M.K4 Personal equipment essential for night flight.
- HI.II.M.K5 Night orientation, navigation, chart reading techniques and methods for maintaining night vision effectiveness.
- HI.II.M.K6 Night taxi operations.
- HI.II.M.K7 Interpretation of traffic position and direction based solely on position lights.
- HI.II.M.K8 Use of instruments to verify the aircraft attitude at night.
- HI.II.M.K9 Visual illusions at night.
- HI.II.M.K10 Appropriate use of automation, if applicable.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.II.M.S1 Teach at least one of the elements listed in K1 through K10.

## Area of Operation III. Preflight Preparation

**Note:** The evaluator must select at least one Task from this Area of Operation.

### Task A. Pilot Qualifications

**References:** 14 CFR parts 61, 68, 91; AC 60-28, AC 68-1; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands pilot training and qualification requirements for different levels of pilot certificate including student pilot, recreational pilot, private pilot, commercial pilot, and flight instructor; can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.III.A.K1	Certification, currency, and recordkeeping requirements, including training and logbook entries.
HI.III.A.K2	Privileges and limitations of pilot certificates and ratings at student pilot, recreational, private, commercial, and flight instructor levels.
HI.III.A.K3	Medical certificates: class, expiration, privileges, temporary disqualifications, and operations under BasicMed.
HI.III.A.K4	Documents pilots must possess to exercise privileges of the specified certificate(s) and rating(s).

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

HI.III.A.R1	Proficiency versus currency.
HI.III.A.R2	Flying an unfamiliar helicopter or operating with unfamiliar flight display systems and avionics.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

HI.III.A.S1	Deliver instruction on at least two of the elements specified in K1 through K4.
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## Task B. Airworthiness Requirements

**References:** 14 CFR parts 27, 29, 39, 43, 91; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands airworthiness requirements, including aircraft certificates, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

*HI.III.B.K1* General airworthiness requirements and compliance for helicopters, including:

*HI.III.B.K1a* a. Location and expiration dates of required aircraft certificates

*HI.III.B.K1b* b. Required inspections and aircraft logbook documentation

*HI.III.B.K1c* c. Airworthiness Directives and Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins

*HI.III.B.K1d* d. Purpose and procedure for obtaining a special flight permit

*HI.III.B.K2* Pilot-performed preventive maintenance.

*HI.III.B.K3* Equipment requirements for day and night VFR flight, including:

*HI.III.B.K3a* a. Flying with inoperative equipment

*HI.III.B.K3b* b. Using an approved Minimum Equipment List (MEL)

*HI.III.B.K3c* c. Kinds of Operation Equipment List (KOL)

*HI.III.B.K3d* d. Required discrepancy records or placards

*HI.III.B.K4* Special airworthiness certificate aircraft operating limitations, if applicable.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

*HI.III.B.R1* Inoperative equipment discovered prior to flight.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

*HI.III.B.S1* Locate and describe helicopter airworthiness and registration information.

*HI.III.B.S2* Determine the helicopter is airworthy in the scenario given by the evaluator.

*HI.III.B.S3* Apply appropriate procedures for operating with inoperative equipment in a 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-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands weather information, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**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.

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.III.C.K1	Sources of weather data (e.g., National Weather Service, Flight Service) for flight planning purposes.
HI.III.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:
HI.III.C.K2a	a. Aviation routine weather reports (METARs) and pilot reports (PIREPs)
HI.III.C.K2b	b. Terminal aerodrome forecasts (TAFs) and graphical forecasts for aviation (GFAs)
HI.III.C.K2c	c. In-flight weather advisories including Airman's Meteorological Information (AIRMET) and Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMET)
HI.III.C.K2d	d. Wind and temperature aloft forecast (FB)
HI.III.C.K2e	e. Surface analysis and weather depiction charts
HI.III.C.K2f	f. Significant weather prognostic charts
HI.III.C.K2g	g. Thunderstorm watches, warnings, and convective activity forecast charts
HI.III.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:
HI.III.C.K3a	a. Atmospheric composition and stability
HI.III.C.K3b	b. Wind (e.g., windshear, mountain wave, factors affecting wind, etc.)
HI.III.C.K3c	c. Temperature and heat exchange
HI.III.C.K3d	d. Moisture/precipitation
HI.III.C.K3e	e. Weather system formation, including air masses and fronts
HI.III.C.K3f	f. Clouds
HI.III.C.K3g	g. Turbulence
HI.III.C.K3h	h. Thunderstorms and microbursts
HI.III.C.K3i	i. Icing and freezing level information
HI.III.C.K3j	j. Fog/mist
HI.III.C.K3k	k. Frost
HI.III.C.K3l	l. Obstructions to visibility (e.g., smoke, haze, volcanic ash, etc.)
HI.III.C.K4	Flight deck instrument displays of digital weather and aeronautical information.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.III.C.R3* Making the go/no-go and continue/divert decisions, including:
  - HI.III.C.R3a* a. Circumstances that would make diversion prudent
  - HI.III.C.R3b* b. Personal weather minimums
  - HI.III.C.R3c* c. Hazardous weather conditions, including known or forecast icing or turbulence aloft
- HI.III.C.R2* Use and limitations of:
  - HI.III.C.R2a* a. Installed onboard weather equipment
  - HI.III.C.R2b* b. Aviation weather reports and forecasts
  - HI.III.C.R2c* c. In-flight weather resources

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.III.C.S1* Use available aviation weather resources to obtain an adequate weather briefing.
- HI.III.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.
- HI.III.C.S3* Correlate weather information to make a go/no-go decision.

## Area of Operation IV. Preflight Lesson on a Maneuver to be Performed in Flight

**Note:** The evaluator asks the applicant to present a preflight lesson on the selected maneuver as the lesson would be taught to a student and determines the outcome of this Task before the flight portion of the practical test.

### Task A. Maneuver Lesson

**References:** FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands the elements associated with a maneuver Task selected from Area of Operation VII (Hovering Maneuvers) through Area of Operation XII (Special Operations) and applies that knowledge when delivering ground instruction. Previously developed lesson plans from the instructor applicant's library may be used.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

HI.IV.A.K1 Purpose of the maneuver.

HI.IV.A.K2 Elements of the maneuver and the associated common errors.

HI.IV.A.K3 Desired outcome(s), including completion standards.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

HI.IV.A.R1 The selected maneuver Task.

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**Skills:** The applicant exhibits the skill to:

HI.IV.A.S1 Deliver instruction on the selected maneuver using a lesson plan, teaching methods, and teaching aids, as appropriate, that incorporate K1 through K3.

## Area of Operation V. Preflight Procedures

**Note:** The evaluator must select at least one Task from this Area of Operation.

### Task A. Preflight Assessment

**References:** AC 91-32; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands preflight assessment, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

HI.V.A.K1 Pilot self-assessment.

HI.V.A.K2 Determining that the helicopter to be used is appropriate and airworthy.

HI.V.A.K3 Helicopter preflight inspection, including:

HI.V.A.K3a a. Which items should be inspected

HI.V.A.K3b b. The reasons for checking each item

HI.V.A.K3c c. How to detect possible defects

HI.V.A.K3d d. The associated regulations

HI.V.A.K4 Environmental factors, including weather, terrain, route selection, and obstructions.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

HI.V.A.R1 Pilot.

HI.V.A.R2 Aircraft.

HI.V.A.R3 Environment (e.g., weather, icing, airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas, airspace, terrain, obstacles).

HI.V.A.R4 External pressures.

HI.V.A.R5 Aviation security concerns.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

HI.V.A.S1 Inspect the helicopter with reference to an appropriate checklist.

HI.V.A.S2 Verify the helicopter is in condition for safe flight and conforms to its type design.

HI.V.A.S3 Perform self-assessment.

HI.V.A.S4 Continue to assess the environment for safe flight.

## Task B. Flight Deck Management

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AC 120-71; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands flight deck management, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight.

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.V.B.K1	Passenger briefing requirements, including operation and required use of safety restraint systems.
HI.V.B.K2	Use of appropriate checklists.
HI.V.B.K3	Requirements for current and appropriate navigation data.
HI.V.B.K4	Securing items and cargo.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.V.B.R1	Use of systems or equipment, including automation and portable electronic devices.
HI.V.B.R2	Inoperative equipment.
HI.V.B.R3	Passenger distractions.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.V.B.S1	Secure all items in the aircraft.
HI.V.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.
HI.V.B.S3	Properly program and manage helicopter automation, as applicable.
HI.V.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-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands powerplant starting and rotor engagement procedures can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

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

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.V.C.R1 Rotor engagement, if applicable.
  - HI.V.C.R2 Use of external power unit.
  - HI.V.C.R3 Limitations during starting.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

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

### Task D. Before Takeoff Check

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands before takeoff checks, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.V.D.K1	Purpose of before takeoff checklist items, including:
HI.V.D.K1a	a. Reasons for checking each item
HI.V.D.K1b	b. Detecting malfunctions
HI.V.D.K1c	c. Configuring the helicopter as recommended by the manufacturer
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.V.D.R1	National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) accident/incident reporting.
HI.V.D.R2	Unexpected or unclear clearances from ATC.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.V.D.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
HI.V.D.S2	Review takeoff performance and emergency procedures.
HI.V.D.S3	Verify that the powerplant temperature(s) and pressure(s) are suitable for takeoff.
HI.V.D.S4	Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
HI.V.D.S5	Divide attention inside and outside the helicopter.

## Area of Operation VI. 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-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands airport/runway/ taxiway/heliport/helipad signs, markings, and lighting, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

*HI.VI.A.K1* Airport runway, heliport, helipad, taxiway signs, markings, and lighting.

*HI.VI.A.K2* Airport movement area.

*HI.VI.A.K3* Common errors related to this Task.

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#### **Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

*HI.VI.A.R1* Interpretation of signs, markings, or lighting.

*HI.VI.A.R2* Landing site dimensions and limitations.

*HI.VI.A.R3* Conflict with aircraft, vehicles, and persons.

*HI.VI.A.R4* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

*HI.VI.A.R5* Runway incursion.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

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

*HI.VI.A.S2* Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands communications and ATC light signals, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VI.B.K1 How to obtain appropriate radio frequencies.
- HI.VI.B.K2 Proper radio communication procedures and air traffic control (ATC) phraseology.
- HI.VI.B.K3 ATC light signal recognition.
- HI.VI.B.K4 Appropriate use of transponder(s).
- HI.VI.B.K5 Lost communication procedures.
- HI.VI.B.K6 Equipment issues that could cause loss of communication.
- HI.VI.B.K7 Radar assistance.
- HI.VI.B.K8 Runway Status Lighting Systems.
- HI.VI.B.K9 Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VI.B.S1 Select and activate appropriate frequencies.
- HI.VI.B.S2 Transmit using standard phraseology and procedures as specified in the aeronautical information manual (AIM) and Pilot/Controller Glossary.
- HI.VI.B.S3 Acknowledge radio communications and comply with ATC instructions or as directed by the evaluator.
- HI.VI.B.S4 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

### Task C. Traffic Patterns

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands traffic patterns, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VI.C.K1 Towered and nontowered airport/heliport/helipad/landing area operations and restrictions.
  - HI.VI.C.K2 Traffic pattern for the current conditions.
  - HI.VI.C.K3 Right-of-way rules.
  - HI.VI.C.K4 Use of automated weather and airport/heliport information.
  - HI.VI.C.K5 Common errors related to this Task.
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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.VI.C.R1 Collision hazards.
  - HI.VI.C.R2 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
  - HI.VI.C.R3 Windshear and wake turbulence.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VI.C.S1 Identify and interpret airport/heliport/helipad/landing area runways, taxiways, markings, signs, and lighting.
- HI.VI.C.S2 Comply with recommended helicopter traffic pattern procedures, as appropriate.
- HI.VI.C.S3 Correct for wind drift to maintain the proper ground track.
- HI.VI.C.S4 Maintain orientation with the runway/landing area in use, as applicable.
- HI.VI.C.S5 Maintain traffic pattern altitude,  $\pm 100$  feet, and the appropriate airspeed,  $\pm 10$  knots.
- HI.VI.C.S6 Maintain situational awareness and proper spacing from other traffic or avoid the flow of fixed-wing traffic, as appropriate.
- HI.VI.C.S7 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Area of Operation VII. Hovering Maneuvers

**Note:** Task D will be tested in addition to the other Tasks if the applicant supplies a helicopter with wheel-type landing gear.

### Task A. Vertical Takeoff and Landing

**References:** 14 CFR part 91; AC 90-95; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands vertical takeoff and landing from a hover, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VII.A.K1 Elements related to a vertical takeoff to a hover and landing from a hover.
- HI.VII.A.K2 Effect of wind on flight control inputs.
- HI.VII.A.K3 Effect of weight and balance and various centers of gravity.
- HI.VII.A.K4 Ground effect.
- HI.VII.A.K5 Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VII.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VII.A.S2 Comply with air traffic control (ATC) or evaluator instructions and make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.VII.A.S3 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VII.A.S4 Ascend to and maintain recommended hovering altitude, and descend from recommended hovering altitude in headwind, crosswind, and tailwind conditions, without drift.
- HI.VII.A.S5 Maintain recommended hovering altitude,  $\pm 1/2$  of that altitude within 10 feet of the surface, if above 10 feet,  $\pm 5$  feet.
- HI.VII.A.S6 Maintain position within 2 feet of a designated point with no aft movement.
- HI.VII.A.S7 Descend vertically to within 2 feet of the designated touchdown point.
- HI.VII.A.S8 Maintain specified heading,  $\pm 10^\circ$ .
- HI.VII.A.S9 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Task B. Hover Taxi

**References:** AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands hover taxi operations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.VII.B.K1	Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
HI.VII.B.K2	Hover taxi instructions, clearances, and limitations.
HI.VII.B.K3	Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
HI.VII.B.K4	Visual indicators for wind.
HI.VII.B.K5	Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
HI.VII.B.K6	Procedures for:
HI.VII.B.K6a	a. Pilot activities during taxiing
HI.VII.B.K6b	b. Safe hover taxi at towered and non-towered airports/heliports/helipads/landing areas
HI.VII.B.K6c	c. Entering or crossing runways
HI.VII.B.K7	Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations.
HI.VII.B.K8	Aircraft operating limitations.
HI.VII.B.K9	Common errors related to this Task.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

HI.VII.B.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
HI.VII.B.S2	Receive and correctly read back clearances/instructions, if applicable.
HI.VII.B.S3	Use an airport diagram or taxi chart during taxi, if published, and maintain situational awareness.
HI.VII.B.S4	Comply with airport/heliport taxiway markings, signals, and signs.

- HI.VII.B.S5 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VII.B.S6 Maintain a straight ground track within  $\pm 2$  feet of a designated ground track.
- HI.VII.B.S7 Maintain recommended hovering altitude,  $\pm 1/2$  of that altitude within 10 feet of the surface, if above 10 feet,  $\pm 5$  feet.
- HI.VII.B.S8 Hover taxi over specified ground references, demonstrating forward, sideward, and rearward hovering and hovering turns.
- HI.VII.B.S9 Maintain a constant rate of turn at pivot points.
- HI.VII.B.S10 Maintain a position within 2 feet of each pivot point during turns.
- HI.VII.B.S11 Make a 360° pivoting turn, left and right, stopping within 10° of a specified heading.
- HI.VII.B.S12 Make smooth, timely, and correct control application during the maneuver.
- HI.VII.B.S13 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.



### Task C. Air Taxi

**References:** AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands air taxi operations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VII.C.K1 Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
  - HI.VII.C.K2 Air taxi instructions, clearances, and limitations.
  - HI.VII.C.K3 Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
  - HI.VII.C.K4 Visual indicators for wind.
  - HI.VII.C.K5 Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
  - HI.VII.C.K6 Procedures for:
    - HI.VII.C.K6a a. Pilot activities during taxiing
    - HI.VII.C.K6b b. Safe air taxi at towered and nontowered airports
    - HI.VII.C.K6c c. Overflying of runways
  - HI.VII.C.K7 Height/Velocity (H/V) considerations.
  - HI.VII.C.K8 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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

HI.VII.C.S8 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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### Task D. Taxiing with Wheel-Type Landing Gear

**References:** AC 91-73; AIM; Chart Supplements; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands taxiing with wheel-type landing gear, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VII.D.K1 Current airport aeronautical references and information resources such as the Chart Supplement, airport diagram, and Notices to Air Missions (NOTAMs).
  - HI.VII.D.K2 Taxi instructions/clearances.
  - HI.VII.D.K3 Airport/heliport/helipad/landing area, signs, markings, and lighting.
  - HI.VII.D.K4 Visual indicators for wind.
  - HI.VII.D.K5 Aircraft lighting, as appropriate.
  - HI.VII.D.K6 Procedures for:
    - HI.VII.D.K6a a. Appropriate flight deck activities prior to taxi, including route planning and identifying the location of Hot Spots
    - HI.VII.D.K6b b. Safe taxi at towered and nontowered airports
    - HI.VII.D.K6c c. Entering or crossing runways
  - HI.VII.D.K7 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.VII.D.R1 Activities and distractions.
  - HI.VII.D.R2 Confirmation or expectation bias as related to taxi instructions.
  - HI.VII.D.R3 Runway incursion.
  - HI.VII.D.R4 Speed during taxi and turns.
  - HI.VII.D.R5 Appropriate thrust vector and brake use.
  - HI.VII.D.R6 Airframe and rotor clearances during taxi.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VII.D.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VII.D.S2 Use an appropriate airport/heliport diagram or taxi chart, if published.
- HI.VII.D.S3 Properly position nosewheel/tailwheel, if applicable, locked or unlocked.
- HI.VII.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.
- HI.VII.D.S5 Properly use cyclic, collective, and brakes as applicable to control speed while taxiing.
- HI.VII.D.S6 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VII.D.S7 Maintain specified track within 2 feet.

- HI.VII.D.S8*      Position the helicopter relative to hold lines or a specified point.
- HI.VII.D.S9*      Receive and comply with ATC clearances/instructions, if applicable.
- HI.VII.D.S10*     Comply with airport/heliport taxiway markings, lights, and signals.
- HI.VII.D.S11*     Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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**Task E. Slope Operations****References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands slope operations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.**Note:** See Appendix 3: Aircraft, Equipment, and Operational Requirements & Limitations for information related to this Task.**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VII.E.K1 Elements related to slope operations.
- HI.VII.E.K2 Factors used for selecting an appropriate slope.
- HI.VII.E.K3 Effect of wind on slope operations.
- HI.VII.E.K4 Dynamic rollover considerations during slope operations and preventive/recovery techniques.
- HI.VII.E.K5 Helicopter slope limitations.
- HI.VII.E.K6 Common errors related to this Task.

**Risk****Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

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

- HI.VII.E.S11 Properly move away from the slope.
- HI.VII.E.S12 Maintain a specified heading throughout the operation,  $\pm 5^\circ$ .
- HI.VII.E.S13 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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## Area of Operation VIII. Takeoffs, Landings, and Go-Arounds

**Note:** Task E will be tested in addition to the other Tasks if the applicant supplies a helicopter with wheel-type landing gear.

### Task A. Normal Takeoff and Climb

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands normal takeoff, climb operations, and rejected takeoff procedures, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.A.K1 Effects of atmospheric conditions, including wind, on takeoff and climb performance.
  - HI.VIII.A.K2 Factors affecting the profile of the height/velocity (H/V) diagram.
  - HI.VIII.A.K3 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.VIII.A.R1 Selection of takeoff path based on helicopter performance and limitations, available distance, and wind.
  - HI.VIII.A.R2 Effects of:
    - HI.VIII.A.R2a a. Crosswind
    - HI.VIII.A.R2b b. Windshear
    - HI.VIII.A.R2c c. Tailwind
    - HI.VIII.A.R2d d. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
    - HI.VIII.A.R2e e. Runway/departure point surface/condition
  - HI.VIII.A.R3 Abnormal operations, including planning for:
    - HI.VIII.A.R3a a. Rejected takeoff
    - HI.VIII.A.R3b b. Powerplant failure in takeoff/climb phase of flight
  - HI.VIII.A.R4 Collision hazards.
  - HI.VIII.A.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
  - HI.VIII.A.R6 Runway incursion.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VIII.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VIII.A.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.VIII.A.S3 Verify assigned/correct runway, if at an airport.

- HI.VIII.A.S4 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- HI.VIII.A.S5 Clear the area, taxi into the takeoff position and align the helicopter on the runway centerline or with takeoff path.
- HI.VIII.A.S6 Establish a stationary position on the surface or a stabilized hover, prior to takeoff in headwind and crosswind conditions.
- HI.VIII.A.S7 Confirm takeoff power and instrument indications prior to forward movement.
- HI.VIII.A.S8 After clearing all obstacles, transition to normal climb attitude, airspeed,  $\pm 5$  knots, and power setting.
- HI.VIII.A.S9 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VIII.A.S10 Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, as needed.
- HI.VIII.A.S11 Comply with noise abatement procedures, as applicable.
- HI.VIII.A.S12 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.
- HI.VIII.A.S13 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.



## Task B. Normal Approach and Landing

**References:** AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands normal approach and landing, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.B.K1 Effects of wind, weight, altitude, and temperature on performance.
  - HI.VIII.B.K2 Wind correction techniques on approach and landing.
  - HI.VIII.B.K3 Landing surface, obstructions, and selection of a suitable touchdown point.
  - HI.VIII.B.K4 Factors affecting the profile of the height/velocity (H/V) diagram.
  - HI.VIII.B.K5 Common errors related to this Task.
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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.VIII.B.R1 Selection of approach path and landing based on aircraft performance and limitations, and wind.
  - HI.VIII.B.R2 Effects of:
    - HI.VIII.B.R2a a. Crosswind
    - HI.VIII.B.R2b b. Windshear
    - HI.VIII.B.R2c c. Tailwind
    - HI.VIII.B.R2d d. Turbulence, including wake turbulence
    - HI.VIII.B.R2e e. Vortex ring state (VRS)
    - HI.VIII.B.R2f f. Touchdown surface and condition
  - HI.VIII.B.R3 Go-around/rejected landing.
  - HI.VIII.B.R4 Collision hazards.
  - HI.VIII.B.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
  - HI.VIII.B.R6 Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VIII.B.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VIII.B.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.VIII.B.S3 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- HI.VIII.B.S4 Align the helicopter with the correct/assigned runway or touchdown point.
- HI.VIII.B.S5 Scan the landing area/touchdown point and adjoining area for traffic and obstructions.
- HI.VIII.B.S6 Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, if necessary.

- HI.VIII.B.S7 Establish and maintain a normal approach angle and rate of closure.
- HI.VIII.B.S8 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VIII.B.S9 Arrive at the termination point, on the surface or at a stabilized hover  $\pm 2$  feet.
- HI.VIII.B.S10 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.
- HI.VIII.B.S11 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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### Task C. Maximum Performance Takeoff and Climb

**References:** AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands maximum performance takeoff and climb, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.C.K1 Situations where this maneuver is appropriate.
- HI.VIII.C.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions, including wind and temperature, on takeoff and climb performance.
- HI.VIII.C.K3 Powerplant failure during approach/landing phase of flight.
- HI.VIII.C.K4 Common errors related to this Task.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

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

HI.VIII.C.S8 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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## Task D. Steep Approach

**References:** AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands steep approaches, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.D.K1 A stabilized steep approach.
- HI.VIII.D.K2 Approach techniques and applicability.
- HI.VIII.D.K3 Performance data and the height velocity (H/V) diagram.
- HI.VIII.D.K4 Effects of atmospheric conditions on approach and landing performance.
- HI.VIII.D.K5 Wind correction techniques.
- HI.VIII.D.K6 Aircraft performance and limitations.
- HI.VIII.D.K7 Common errors related to this Task.

### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VIII.D.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VIII.D.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.VIII.D.S3 Consider the wind direction and conditions, landing surface, and obstacles.

- HI.VIII.D.S4 Select a suitable termination point.
- HI.VIII.D.S5 Establish and maintain a steep approach angle, (15° maximum) and proper rate of closure.
- HI.VIII.D.S6 Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, if necessary.
- HI.VIII.D.S7 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.VIII.D.S8 Arrive at the termination point, on the surface or at a stabilized hover  $\pm 2$  feet.
- HI.VIII.D.S9 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.
- HI.VIII.D.S10 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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### Task E. Rolling Takeoff (Wheel-Type Landing Gear)

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands rolling takeoff with wheel-type landing gear, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.E.K1 Elements of a rolling takeoff.
  - HI.VIII.E.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.VIII.E.K3 Situations when a rolling takeoff is recommended and factors related to takeoff and climb performance.
  - HI.VIII.E.K4 Translational lift.
  - HI.VIII.E.K5 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

- HI.VIII.E.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VIII.E.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.VIII.E.S3 Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
- HI.VIII.E.S4 Verify assigned/correct takeoff path.
- HI.VIII.E.S5 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.

- HI.VIII.E.S6 Use control inputs that initiate the takeoff roll.
- HI.VIII.E.S7 Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction, while accelerating.
- HI.VIII.E.S8 Transition to a normal climb airspeed,  $\pm 5$  knots, and set appropriate power.
- HI.VIII.E.S9 Maintain proper ground track with crosswind correction after liftoff.
- HI.VIII.E.S10 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.
- HI.VIII.E.S11 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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## Task F. Shallow Approach and Running/Roll-On Landing

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands shallow approach and running/roll-on landing, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.F.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.
- HI.VIII.F.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
- HI.VIII.F.K3 Common errors related to this Task.

### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

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

HI.VIII.F.S9 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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## Task G. Go-Around

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands go-around with emphasis on factors that contribute to landing conditions that may require a go-around, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.VIII.G.K1 Situations and considerations on approach that could require a go-around.
- HI.VIII.G.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions on a go-around.
- HI.VIII.G.K3 Go-around procedures and the importance of a timely decision.
- HI.VIII.G.K4 Common errors related to this Task.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.VIII.G.R1 Recognition of the need for a go-around.
- HI.VIII.G.R2 Application of power and flight control inputs.
- HI.VIII.G.R3 Collision hazards.
- HI.VIII.G.R4 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- HI.VIII.G.R5 Runway incursion.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.VIII.G.S1 Make a timely decision to discontinue the approach or at the direction of the evaluator.
- HI.VIII.G.S2 Maintain powerplant and rotor rpm within normal limits while applying proper control input to stop descent and initiate climb.
- HI.VIII.G.S3 Transition to a positive rate of climb and appropriate airspeed of  $\pm 5$  knots.
- HI.VIII.G.S4 Maintain directional control, ground track, and proper wind-drift correction throughout the maneuver.
- HI.VIII.G.S5 Notify/coordinate with air traffic control (ATC) or evaluator instructions as required.
- HI.VIII.G.S6 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.VIII.G.S7 Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
- HI.VIII.G.S8 Use runway incursion avoidance procedures, if applicable.
- HI.VIII.G.S9 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Area of Operation IX. Fundamentals of Flight

**Note:** The evaluator must select at least one Task from this Area of Operation.

### Task A. Straight-and-Level Flight

**References:** FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands straight-and-level flight, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.IX.A.K1 Basic elements of the aircraft and aerodynamics that affect the ability to maintain straight-and-level flight.
- HI.IX.A.K2 Flight control and trim use, if applicable.
- HI.IX.A.K3 The pilot's visual references when performing the maneuver.
- HI.IX.A.K4 Integrated flight instruction.
- HI.IX.A.K5 Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.IX.A.R1 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- HI.IX.A.R2 Collision hazards.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.IX.A.S1 Establish and maintain straight-and-level flight.
- HI.IX.A.S2 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

### Task B. Level Turns

**References:** FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands level turns, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.IX.B.K1 Purpose of and procedures for level turns.
- HI.IX.B.K2 Flight control and trim use, if applicable.
- HI.IX.B.K3 The pilot's visual references when performing the maneuver.
- HI.IX.B.K4 Integrated flight instruction.
- HI.IX.B.K5 Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.IX.B.R1 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- HI.IX.B.R2 Collision hazards.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.IX.B.S1 Establish, maintain, and roll out of a level turn.
- HI.IX.B.S2 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

### Task C. Straight Climbs and Climbing Turns

**References:** FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands straight climbs and climbing turns, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

*HI.IX.C.K1* Purpose of and procedures for straight climbs and climbing turns.

*HI.IX.C.K2* Flight control and trim use, if applicable.

*HI.IX.C.K3* The pilot's visual references when performing the maneuver.

*HI.IX.C.K4* Integrated flight instruction.

*HI.IX.C.K5* Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

*HI.IX.C.R1* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

*HI.IX.C.R2* Collision hazards.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

*HI.IX.C.S1* Establish, maintain, and level off from climbs and climbing turns.

*HI.IX.C.S2* Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

### Task D. Straight Descents and Descending Turns

**References:** FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands straight descents and descending turns, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

*HI.IX.D.K1* Purpose of and procedures for straight descents and descending turns.

*HI.IX.D.K2* Flight control and trim use, if applicable.

*HI.IX.D.K3* The pilot's visual references when performing the maneuver.

*HI.IX.D.K4* Integrated flight instruction.

*HI.IX.D.K5* Common errors related to this Task.

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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

*HI.IX.D.R1* Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

*HI.IX.D.R2* Collision hazards.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

*HI.IX.D.S1* Establish, maintain, and level off from straight descents and descending turns.

*HI.IX.D.S2* Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Area of Operation X. Performance Maneuvers

**Note:** The evaluator must select at least Task B or C from Area of Operation X, Performance Maneuvers

### Task A. Rapid Deceleration/Quick Stop

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands rapid deceleration/quick stop, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.X.A.K1 Purpose of the maneuver.
- HI.X.A.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions on a rapid deceleration/quick stop.
- HI.X.A.K3 Wind correction techniques during rapid deceleration/quick stop.
- HI.X.A.K4 Common errors related to this Task.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.X.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.X.A.S2 Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
- HI.X.A.S3 Coordinate all controls throughout the execution of the maneuver to terminate in a hover at an appropriate hover height.
- HI.X.A.S4 Maintain an altitude that permits safe clearance between the tail boom and the surface.
- HI.X.A.S5 Maintain heading throughout the maneuver,  $\pm 5^\circ$ .
- HI.X.A.S6 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.



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

**References:** AC 61-65, AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands straight-in autorotation in a single engine helicopter, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.X.B.K1 Elements related to straight-in autorotation.
  - HI.X.B.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.X.B.K3 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
  - HI.X.B.K4 Energy management.
  - HI.X.B.K5 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
  - HI.X.B.K6 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.
  - HI.X.B.K7 Common errors related to this Task.
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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.X.B.R1 Low entry altitudes.
  - HI.X.B.R2 Flight control inputs.
  - HI.X.B.R3 Turbulence, including wake turbulence.
  - HI.X.B.R4 Windshear.
  - HI.X.B.R5 Exchange of flight controls during an intervention.
  - HI.X.B.R6 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
  - HI.X.B.R7 Energy management.
  - HI.X.B.R8 Low rotor rpm or rotor stall.
  - HI.X.B.R9 Main rotor (Nr) overspeed.
  - HI.X.B.R10 Excessive rate of descent.
  - HI.X.B.R11 Powerplant failure during the maneuver.
  - HI.X.B.R12 Collision hazards.
  - HI.X.B.R13 Terminating an autorotation.
  - HI.X.B.R14 Power recovery and go-around.
  - HI.X.B.R15 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.X.B.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

- HI.X.B.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.X.B.S3 Select a suitable landing area.
- HI.X.B.S4 Clear the area.
- HI.X.B.S5 Select an appropriate entry altitude.
- HI.X.B.S6 Initiate the maneuver at the proper point.
- HI.X.B.S7 Establish power-off glide with the helicopter trimmed and autorotation airspeed,  $\pm 5$  knots.
- HI.X.B.S8 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- HI.X.B.S9 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.
- HI.X.B.S10 Use proper deceleration and collective pitch application that permits safe clearance between the aircraft tail boom and the surface.
- HI.X.B.S11 Initiate proper power recovery, or touchdown to the surface as briefed by the evaluator.
- HI.X.B.S12 Terminate autorotation to a stabilized hover, or to the surface within 100 feet of a designated point.
- HI.X.B.S13 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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

**References:** AC 61-65, AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands autorotation with turns with a power recovery or touchdown to the surface, as briefed prior to the maneuver, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**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.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.X.C.K1 Elements related to autorotation with turns.
  - HI.X.C.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.X.C.K3 Various rotor systems and their effects on autorotation.
  - HI.X.C.K4 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
  - HI.X.C.K5 Energy management.
  - HI.X.C.K6 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
  - HI.X.C.K7 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.
  - HI.X.C.K8 Common errors related to this Task.
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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

- HI.X.C.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.X.C.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.X.C.S3 Select a suitable landing area.
- HI.X.C.S4 Clear the area.
- HI.X.C.S5 Select an appropriate entry altitude.
- HI.X.C.S6 Initiate the maneuver at the proper point.
- HI.X.C.S7 Establish power-off glide with the aircraft properly trimmed and autorotation airspeed,  $\pm 5$  knots.
- HI.X.C.S8 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- HI.X.C.S9 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.
- HI.X.C.S10 Roll out no lower than 300 feet above ground level (AGL) along the flight path to the selected landing area.
- HI.X.C.S12 Use proper deceleration and collective pitch application that permits safe clearance between the aircraft tail boom and the surface.
- HI.X.C.S13 Initiate proper power recovery, or touchdown to the surface as briefed by the evaluator.
- HI.X.C.S14 Terminate autorotation to a stabilized hover, or to the surface within 100 feet of a designated point.
- HI.X.C.S15 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Area of Operation XI. Emergency Operations

**Note:** The evaluator must test at least one Task from Tasks A through G. The evaluator must also select at least one Task from Tasks H through L, which are tested orally only.

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

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands power failure in a ground effect hover, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** See Appendix 2: Safety of Flight.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.A.K1 Elements related to powerplant failure in a hover, including energy management concepts.
  - HI.XI.A.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.XI.A.K3 High and low inertia of rotor systems.
  - HI.XI.A.K4 Aerodynamics associated with powerplant failure in a hover.
  - HI.XI.A.K5 Proper orientation, division of attention, and proper planning.
  - HI.XI.A.K6 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.A.R1 Powerplant failure in a hover.
  - HI.XI.A.R2 Flight control inputs.
  - HI.XI.A.R3 Helicopter movement.
  - HI.XI.A.R4 Dynamic rollover.
  - HI.XI.A.R5 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.A.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.XI.A.S2 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.XI.A.S3 Clear the area.
- HI.XI.A.S4 Select a suitable landing area.
- HI.XI.A.S5 Establish a stationary or forward hover into the wind.
- HI.XI.A.S6 Simulate powerplant failure.
- HI.XI.A.S7 Maintain a heading,  $\pm 5^\circ$ , throughout the maneuver.
- HI.XI.A.S8 Touchdown with minimum sideward movement and no rearward movement.
- HI.XI.A.S9 Use appropriate flight control inputs to cushion the touchdown.

HI.XI.A.S10 After touchdown, lower collective and neutralize flight controls.

HI.XI.A.S11 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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

**References:** AC 61-140; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands power failure at altitude, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.B.K1 Elements of a powerplant failure at altitude.
  - HI.XI.B.K2 Main rotor (Nr) speed.
  - HI.XI.B.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.XI.B.K3 Energy management.
  - HI.XI.B.K4 Causes and effects of high descent rates.
  - HI.XI.B.K5 Effect of varying bank angles, airspeeds, and rotor rpm.
  - HI.XI.B.K6 Common errors related to this Task.
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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.B.R1 Low entry altitudes.
  - HI.XI.B.R2 Selection of landing area.
  - HI.XI.B.R3 Flight control inputs.
  - HI.XI.B.R4 Turbulence, including wake turbulence.
  - HI.XI.B.R5 Windshear.
  - HI.XI.B.R6 Low rotor rpm or rotor stall.
  - HI.XI.B.R7 Powerplant failure during the maneuver.
  - HI.XI.B.R8 Collision hazards.
  - HI.XI.B.R9 Autorotation power-off never-exceed speed ( $V_{NE}$ ) limitation.
  - HI.XI.B.R10 Helicopter trim.
  - HI.XI.B.R11 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.B.S1 Establish an autorotation.
- HI.XI.B.S2 Establish power-off glide with the helicopter trimmed and autorotation airspeed,  $\pm 5$  knots.
- HI.XI.B.S3 Maintain main rotor (Nr) within normal limits.
- HI.XI.B.S4 Select a suitable landing area considering altitude, wind, terrain, and obstructions.
- HI.XI.B.S5 Maneuver to avoid undershooting or overshooting the selected landing area.

- HI.XI.B.S6 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.XI.B.S7 Terminate approach with a power recovery at a safe altitude as directed by the evaluator.
- HI.XI.B.S8 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands approach and landing with one engine inoperative (OEI) (simulated), can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.C.K1 Elements of approach and landing with one engine inoperative.
  - HI.XI.C.K2 Effects of atmospheric conditions on emergency approach and landing.
  - HI.XI.C.K3 Stabilized approach.
  - HI.XI.C.K4 Approach and landing profiles and aircraft configuration.
  - HI.XI.C.K5 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.C.R1 Consideration of altitude, wind, terrain, obstructions, and available landing area.
  - HI.XI.C.R2 Planning and following a flightpath to the selected landing area.
  - HI.XI.C.R3 Collision hazards.
  - HI.XI.C.R4 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.C.S1 Maintain the operating powerplant within OEI limits.
- HI.XI.C.S2 Maintain, prior to beginning the final approach segment, the recommended flight profile with altitude  $\pm 100$  feet, airspeed,  $\pm 10$  knots, heading  $\pm 5^\circ$ , and maintains track.
- HI.XI.C.S3 Make radio calls as appropriate.
- HI.XI.C.S4 Plan and follow a flightpath to the selected landing area considering altitude, wind, terrain, and obstructions.
- HI.XI.C.S5 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.XI.C.S6 Maintain directional control and appropriate crosswind correction throughout the approach and landing.
- HI.XI.C.S7 Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
- HI.XI.C.S8 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

**Task D. Recovery from Unusual Flight Attitudes**

**References:** AIM; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-15, FAA-H-8083-21, FAA-H-8083-25; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands attitude instrument flying while recovering from unusual attitudes, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction, solely by reference to instruments.

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

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.XI.D.K1	Prevention of unusual attitudes, including flight causal, physiological, and environmental factors, and system and equipment failures.
HI.XI.D.K2	Procedures for recovery from unusual attitudes in flight.
HI.XI.D.K3	Procedures available to safely regain visual meteorological conditions (VMC) after flight into inadvertent instrument meteorological conditions (IIMC) or unintended instrument meteorological conditions (UIMC).
HI.XI.D.K4	Appropriate use of automation, if applicable.
HI.XI.D.K5	Common errors related to this Task.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.XI.D.R1	Situations that could lead to loss of control in-flight (LOC-I) or unusual attitudes in-flight (e.g., stress, task saturation, inadequate instrument scan distractions, and spatial disorientation).
HI.XI.D.R2	Assessment of the unusual attitude.
HI.XI.D.R3	Control input errors, inducing undesired aircraft attitudes.
HI.XI.D.R4	Collision hazards.
HI.XI.D.R5	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
HI.XI.D.R6	Interpreting flight instruments.
HI.XI.D.R7	Control application solely by reference to instruments.
HI.XI.D.R8	Operating envelope considerations.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XI.D.S1	Use proper instrument cross-check and interpretation to identify an unusual attitude (including both nose-high and nose-low) in flight, and apply the appropriate flight control, power input, and aircraft configuration in the correct sequence, to return to a stabilized level flight attitude.
HI.XI.D.S2	Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
HI.XI.D.S3	Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

### Task E. Vortex Ring State (VRS)

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands Vortex Ring State (VRS), can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.E.K1 Elements of vortex ring state.
  - HI.XI.E.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.XI.E.K3 Requirements for the formation of VRS.
  - HI.XI.E.K4 Aerodynamics and indications of VRS.
  - HI.XI.E.K5 Flight scenarios under which VRS can occur.
  - HI.XI.E.K6 Effective recovery techniques.
  - HI.XI.E.K7 Common errors related to this Task.
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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

- HI.XI.E.S1 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.XI.E.S2 Clear the area.
- HI.XI.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.
- HI.XI.E.S4 Establish conditions leading to VRS entry.
- HI.XI.E.S5 Promptly recognize, announce, and recover at the first indication of VRS.
- HI.XI.E.S6 Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
- HI.XI.E.S7 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands low rotor rpm recognition and recovery, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.XI.F.K1	Elements related to low rotor rpm recovery energy management, including the combination of conditions that may lead to this situation.
HI.XI.F.K2	Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
HI.XI.F.K3	Aerodynamics that affect low rotor rpm conditions.
HI.XI.F.K4	Powerplant performance.
HI.XI.F.K5	Main rotor (Nr) limitations.
HI.XI.F.K6	Difference between low rotor rpm and blade stall.
HI.XI.F.K7	Common errors related to this Task.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.XI.F.R1	Powerplant limitations.
HI.XI.F.R2	Powerplant governor operation.
HI.XI.F.R3	Collision hazards.
HI.XI.F.R4	Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
HI.XI.F.R5	Low inertia rotor systems.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XI.F.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
HI.XI.F.S2	Clear the area.
HI.XI.F.S3	Detect the development of low rotor rpm and initiate prompt corrective action.
HI.XI.F.S4	Execute the recovery procedure to return rotor rpm to normal limits.
HI.XI.F.S5	Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Task G. Systems and Equipment Malfunctions

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands system and equipment malfunctions appropriate to the aircraft provided for the practical test, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.G.K1 Causes of partial or complete power loss related to the specific type of powerplant(s).
- HI.XI.G.K2 System and equipment malfunctions specific to the helicopter, including:
  - HI.XI.G.K2a a. Electrical malfunction
  - HI.XI.G.K2b b. Flight instrument malfunctions
  - HI.XI.G.K2c c. Pitot-static system malfunction
  - HI.XI.G.K2d d. Electronic flight instrument display malfunction
  - HI.XI.G.K2e e. Landing gear malfunctions
  - HI.XI.G.K2f f. Inoperative flight control/trim
  - HI.XI.G.K2g g. Hydraulic failure, if applicable
- HI.XI.G.K3 Various frequency vibrations and the possible components that may be affected.
- HI.XI.G.K4 Causes and remedies for smoke or fire onboard the aircraft.
- HI.XI.G.K5 Any other system malfunction specific to the helicopter flown.
- HI.XI.G.K6 Common errors related to this Task.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.G.R1 Startle response.
- HI.XI.G.R2 Checklist usage for a system or equipment malfunction.
- HI.XI.G.R3 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.
- HI.XI.G.R4 Undesired aircraft state.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.G.S1 Determine appropriate action for simulated emergencies specified by the evaluator, from at least four of the elements or sub-elements listed in K1 through K5.
- HI.XI.G.S2 Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
- HI.XI.G.S3 Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Task H. Dynamic Rollover

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM; SAFO 16016

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands dynamic rollover, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.H.K1 Elements related to dynamic rollover.
  - HI.XI.H.K2 Interactions between thrust, crosswind, slope, lateral CG, aircraft weight, and flight controls that contribute to dynamic rollover.
  - HI.XI.H.K3 Preventive flight technique and recovery during flight operations, including slope operations.
  - HI.XI.H.K4 Common errors related to this Task.
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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.H.R1 Surface conditions conducive to dynamic rollover.
  - HI.XI.H.R2 Landing gear proximity to obstructions on the ground during low altitude hover.
  - HI.XI.H.R3 Flight control inputs during takeoff or landing.
  - HI.XI.H.R4 Sideward hover.
  - HI.XI.H.R5 Aircraft slope limitations.
  - HI.XI.H.R6 Critical rollover angle and rolling moment.
  - HI.XI.H.R7 Translating tendency.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.H.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

## Task I. Ground Resonance

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands ground resonance, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

HI.XI.I.K1 Exhibits knowledge of the elements related to ground resonance by describing:

HI.XI.I.K1a a. Conditions that contribute to ground resonance

HI.XI.I.K1b b. Preventive flight technique during takeoffs and landings

HI.XI.I.K1c c. Landing surface

HI.XI.I.K2 Inspection of items that may contribute to ground resonance.

HI.XI.I.K3 Corrective actions during low and normal rotor rpm speeds.

HI.XI.I.K4 Common errors related to this Task.

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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

HI.XI.I.R1 Factors that may contribute to the onset of ground resonance.

HI.XI.I.R2 Recognition of the onset of ground resonance.

HI.XI.I.R3 Recovery procedure selection.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

HI.XI.I.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

## Task J. Low Gravity (G) Recognition and Recovery

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands low G recognition and recovery, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.XI.J.K1	Exhibits knowledge of the elements related to low G conditions by describing:
HI.XI.J.K1a	a. Aerodynamic factors related to low G conditions
HI.XI.J.K1b	b. Situations that contribute to low G conditions
HI.XI.J.K1c	c. Avoidance, recognition, and appropriate recovery procedures
HI.XI.J.K2	Effects of low G conditions on various rotor systems.
HI.XI.J.K3	Pilot responses that lead to mast bumping in a low G condition, if applicable.
HI.XI.J.K4	Common errors related to this Task.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:
HI.XI.J.R1	Control inputs that cause low G conditions.
HI.XI.J.R2	Turbulence/gusty wind conditions.
HI.XI.J.R3	Control inputs that cause mast bumping.
<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XI.J.S1	[Intentionally left blank].



### Task K. Emergency Equipment and Survival Gear

**References:** AC 61-65; FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands emergency equipment and survival gear, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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<b>Knowledge:</b>	The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:
HI.XI.K.K1	Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) operations, limitations, and testing requirements.
HI.XI.K.K2	Fire extinguisher operations and limitations.
HI.XI.K.K3	Emergency equipment and survival gear needed for:
HI.XI.K.K3a	a. Climate extremes (hot/cold)
HI.XI.K.K3b	b. Mountainous terrain
HI.XI.K.K3c	c. Overwater operations
HI.XI.K.K4	Common errors related to this Task.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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HI.XI.K.R1	Survival gear (water, clothing, shelter) for 48 to 72 hours.
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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XI.K.S1	Identify appropriate equipment and personal gear.
HI.XI.K.S2	Brief passengers on proper use of on-board emergency equipment and survival gear.
HI.XI.K.S3	Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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### Task L. Antitorque System Failure

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands antitorque system failure, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

**Note:** Evaluator assesses this Task orally only.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XI.L.K1 Elements related to antitorque system failure by describing:
    - HI.XI.L.K1a a. Indications of an antitorque system failure(s)
    - HI.XI.L.K1b b. Differences between complete loss of antitorque and mechanical flight control failures
    - HI.XI.L.K1c c. RFM procedures for antitorque system(s) failure
  - HI.XI.L.K2 Wind conditions that favor a landing with an antitorque failure.
  - HI.XI.L.K3 Common errors related to this Task.
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**Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XI.L.R1 Preflight inspection of the antitorque system.
  - HI.XI.L.R2 Antitorque failure(s) for the aircraft supplied for the practical test.
  - HI.XI.L.R3 Use of antitorque failure procedures.
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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

- HI.XI.L.S1 [Intentionally left blank].

## Area of Operation XII. Special Operations

**Note:** The evaluator must select at least one Task from this Area of Operation.

### Task A. Confined Area Operations

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands confined area operation, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XII.A.K1 Elements of confined area operations.
- HI.XII.A.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
- HI.XII.A.K3 Situations when a confined area approach and landing is recommended and factors related to landing performance including H/V diagram information.
- HI.XII.A.K4 High and low reconnaissance, including takeoff and departure planning.
- HI.XII.A.K5 Power requirements versus power available for the departure or arrival profile(s).
- HI.XII.A.K6 Common errors related to this Task.

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#### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

- HI.XII.A.R1 Selection of approach path, termination point and departure path based on aircraft performance and limitations, wind, and availability of alternate sites.
- HI.XII.A.R2 Effects of:
  - HI.XII.A.R2a a. Wind Direction
  - HI.XII.A.R2b b. Windshear
  - HI.XII.A.R2c c. Turbulence
- HI.XII.A.R3 H/V diagram information.
- HI.XII.A.R4 Go-around.
- HI.XII.A.R5 Forced landing during the maneuver.
- HI.XII.A.R6 Landing surface.
- HI.XII.A.R7 Dynamic rollover.
- HI.XII.A.R8 Ground resonance.
- HI.XII.A.R9 Low rotor rpm.
- HI.XII.A.R10 Loss of tail rotor effectiveness (LTE).
- HI.XII.A.R11 Collision hazards.
- HI.XII.A.R12 Vortex ring state (VRS).
- HI.XII.A.R13 Aircraft limitations.

HI.XII.A.R14 Distractions, task prioritization, loss of situational awareness, or disorientation.

HI.XII.A.R15 Power requirements versus power available for the departure or arrival profile(s).

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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XII.A.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
HI.XII.A.S2	Make radio calls as appropriate.
HI.XII.A.S3	Confirm power available meets or exceeds the power required for the selected arrival or departure profile(s).
HI.XII.A.S4	Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
HI.XII.A.S5	Accomplish a proper high and low reconnaissance of the confined landing area.
HI.XII.A.S6	Select a suitable approach path, termination point, and departure path.
HI.XII.A.S7	Track the selected approach path at an acceptable approach angle and rate of closure to the termination point.
HI.XII.A.S8	Continually evaluate the suitability of the confined landing area and termination point.
HI.XII.A.S9	Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
HI.XII.A.S10	Accomplish a proper ground reconnaissance.
HI.XII.A.S11	Terminate in a hover or on the surface, as appropriate.
HI.XII.A.S12	Select a suitable takeoff point, considers factors affecting takeoff and climb performance under various conditions.
HI.XII.A.S13	Use single-pilot resource management (SRM) or crew resource management (CRM), as appropriate.
HI.XII.A.S14	Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Task B. Pinnacle Operations

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands pinnacle operations, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

- HI.XII.B.K1 Elements of pinnacle/platform operations.
  - HI.XII.B.K2 Effects of wind, weight, temperature, and density altitude.
  - HI.XII.B.K3 Suitable takeoff point and departure flight path during climb.
  - HI.XII.B.K4 Situations when a pinnacle/platform approach, landing and takeoff is recommended and factors related to aircraft performance.
  - HI.XII.B.K5 Elements of a high and low reconnaissance.
  - HI.XII.B.K6 Common errors related to this Task.
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### Risk

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

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

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<b>Skills:</b>	The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:
HI.XII.B.S1	Complete the appropriate checklist(s).
HI.XII.B.S2	Confirm power available meets or exceeds the power required for the selected arrival or departure profile(s).
HI.XII.B.S3	Make radio calls as appropriate.
HI.XII.B.S4	Accomplish high and low reconnaissance.
HI.XII.B.S5	Determine wind direction with or without visible wind direction indicators.
HI.XII.B.S6	Select a suitable approach path, termination point, and departure path.
HI.XII.B.S7	Select an approach path considering wind direction.
HI.XII.B.S8	Track the selected approach path at an acceptable approach angle and rate of closure to the termination point.
HI.XII.B.S9	Maintain powerplant and main rotor (Nr) speed within normal limits.
HI.XII.B.S10	Accomplish a proper ground reconnaissance.
HI.XII.B.S11	Terminate in a hover or on the surface, as appropriate.
HI.XII.B.S12	Select a suitable takeoff point, and consider factors affecting takeoff and climb performance under various conditions.
HI.XII.B.S13	Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

## Area of Operation XIII. Postflight Procedures

### Task A. After Landing, Parking, and Securing

**References:** FAA-H-8083-2, FAA-H-8083-9, FAA-H-8083-21; POH/RFM

**Objective:** To determine the applicant understands after landing, parking, and securing procedures, can apply that knowledge, manage associated risks, demonstrate appropriate skills, and provide effective instruction.

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**Knowledge:** The applicant demonstrates instructional knowledge by describing and explaining:

*HI.XIII.A.K1* Helicopter shutdown, securing, and postflight inspection.

*HI.XIII.A.K2* Documenting in-flight/postflight discrepancies.

*HI.XIII.A.K3* Common errors related to this Task.

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#### **Risk**

**Management:** The applicant explains and teaches how to identify and manage risk associated with:

*HI.XIII.A.R1* Activities and distractions.

*HI.XIII.A.R2* Parking the helicopter in a congested area.

*HI.XIII.A.R3* Airport specific security procedures.

*HI.XIII.A.R4* Disembark passengers safely and monitor passenger movement while on the ramp.

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**Skills:** The applicant demonstrates and simultaneously explains how to:

*HI.XIII.A.S1* Minimize the hazardous effects of rotor downwash during hovering.

*HI.XIII.A.S2* Park in an appropriate area, considering the safety of nearby persons and property.

*HI.XIII.A.S3* Complete the appropriate checklist(s).

*HI.XIII.A.S5* Conduct a postflight inspection and document discrepancies and servicing requirements, if any.

*HI.XIII.A.S6* Secure the helicopter.

*HI.XIII.A.S7* Analyze and correct common errors related to this Task.

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## Appendix 1: Practical Test Roles, Responsibilities, and Outcomes

### Eligibility Requirements for a Flight Instructor Pilot Certificate

The prerequisite requirements and general eligibility for a practical test and the specific requirements for the issuance of a Flight Instructor Certificate in the Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating can be found in 14 CFR part 61, sections 61.39(a) and 61.183.

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.

For an initial flight instructor certificate or when adding the Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating to an existing flight instructor certificate, applicants must pass the applicable knowledge test(s) listed in the following table as a prerequisite for the practical test.

Test Code	Test Name	Number of Questions	Age	Allotted Time	Passing Score
FOI*	Fundamentals of Instructing	50	16	1.5	70
FRH	Flight Instructor Helicopter	100	16	2.5	70
HFA	Flight Instructor Helicopter (Added Rating)	25	16	1.0	70

\*The FOI knowledge test applies unless the applicant meets the criteria listed in 14 CFR part 61, section 61.183(e).

### 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 61.187(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, FI.I.C.K2:

FI = 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 FI.I.F.K2 may select a sub-element such as FI.I.F.K2b 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:" (HI.III.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.

### **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.

The evaluator conducting the practical test must determine that the applicant meets acceptable standards of teaching ability in the selected Tasks. The evaluator makes this determination by confirming the applicant's:

Ability to apply the fundamentals of instructing;

- Knowledge of and ability to teach the subject matter, procedures, and maneuvers covered in the Tasks;
- Ability to perform the Tasks at the level of a commercial pilot while giving effective flight instruction; and
- Ability to analyze and correct common errors related to the procedures and maneuvers covered in the Tasks.
- During the flight portion of the practical test, the evaluator may act as a student during selected maneuvers. This gives the evaluator an opportunity to evaluate the flight instructor applicant's ability to analyze and correct simulated common errors related to these maneuvers.

### **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.
- Failure to provide effective instruction while demonstrating a procedure or maneuver.

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 Flight Instructor Certificate and seeks an additional Rotorcraft Category Helicopter Rating at the Flight Instructor 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 flight instructor level, and the ratings table indicates different Task requirements, the least restrictive entry applies. For example, if an asterisk (\*), 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 Flight Instructor Certificate**

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

Area of Operation	Flight Instructor Certificate and Rating(s) Held							
	ASE	AME	PL	RG	G	IA	IH	IP
I	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
II	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
III	B	B	B	B	B	*	*	*
IV	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
V	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VI	A,C	A,C	A,C	A,C	*	*	*	*
VII	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VIII	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IX	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
X	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
XI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
XII	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
XIII	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

**Note:** An asterisk directs the evaluator to follow the selection requirements for the AOO and Tasks in the body of this ACS.

## Flight Instructor Renewal/Reinstatement

In accordance with 14 CFR part 61, section 61.199(a), the renewal or reinstatement of one rating on a Flight Instructor Certificate renews or reinstates all privileges existing on the certificate.

### Renewal & Reinstatement of a Flight Instructor

Required Area of Operation	Required Tasks
I	**
II	C,L, and 1 other Task
III	1 Task
IV	1 Task
V	1 Task
VI	None
VII	1 Task
VIII	2 Takeoffs & 2 Landings
IX	None
X	1 Task
XI	2 Tasks
XII	1 Task
XIII	1 Task

**Note:** A double asterisk directs the evaluator to consider the period of inactivity. The evaluator may test FOI Tasks for any reinstatement.

## 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 Multiengine 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.

### **Helicopter Touchdown Autorotation Endorsement**

In lieu of testing the touchdown portion of the Tasks listed below, the evaluator has the discretion to accept a logbook endorsement from a current certificated flight instructor with a rotorcraft category and helicopter class rating who meets the requirements of 14 CFR section 61.195(h)(2). The endorsement must attest that the applicant received touchdown autorotation training and is competent in the instruction of the elements, performance, common errors, and correction of common errors related to straight-in autorotation and autorotation with turns.

- AOO X, Task B, Straight-in Autorotation in a Single-Engine Helicopter; and
- AOO X, Task C, Autorotation with Turns in a Single-Engine Helicopter

If the applicant previously received a Notice of Disapproval for either Task, the evaluator must not accept a logbook endorsement and the applicant must demonstrate touchdown autorotation(s) during the re-test. The applicant must furnish a helicopter appropriate for touchdown autorotations.



## **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**

### **VII. 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.

### **X. Performance Maneuvers**

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

The minimum entry altitude must be a 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.

### **XI. 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 D. Recovery from Unusual Flight Attitudes***

The evaluator shall conduct a briefing with the applicant regarding initiation and recovery techniques from unusual attitudes including any hazards associated with the rotor system. Any intervention by the evaluator to prevent the helicopter from exceeding any operating limitations or from entering an unsafe flight condition shall be disqualifying.

*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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