

PPL Checkride Ready

The run-up before your checkride: everything to have **done, current, and in hand** before you meet the examiner. Study aid — your POH, the current FAA publications, and your CFI outrank this sheet.

Paperwork — you

- ☐ Pilot (student) certificate + **government photo ID** in hand
- ☐ Medical certificate — valid **through the checkride date** (60/24-calendar-month rule)
- ☐ Logbook: all required training + endorsements signed, totals filled, errors corrected
- ☐ Knowledge-test report located (and any missed-code review done with your CFI)
- ☐ IACRA application submitted; FTN + signatures squared away with your CFI

Paperwork — the airplane

- ☐ ARROW aboard: **A**irworthiness (displayed) · **R**egistration (7-year currency) · **R**adio license (international only) · **O**perating limitations (AFM/POH + placards) · **W**eight & balance data
- ☐ Maintenance logs in hand — be able to **show the examiner**: annual (12 cal. months), 100-hour (if for hire), transponder (24 cal. months), ELT inspection (12 cal. months) + battery date, AD compliance
- ☐ No open squawks — or the § 91.213(d) deactivate-and-placard flow already worked through

The night before

- ☐ Weather briefed (standard briefing or structured self-brief) — and re-briefed in the morning
- ☐ Cross-country plan complete: route, checkpoints, wind-corrected headings, times, fuel
- ☐ Weight & balance computed for **actual** exam-day loading — takeoff and landing
- ☐ Performance computed from the POH charts for the **actual** runway and forecast conditions — with your personal margin applied
- ☐ NOTAMs and TFRs checked for departure, destination, and the practice area
- ☐ V-speeds and emergency memory items reviewed out loud — from **your** POH

The morning of

- ☐ IMSAFE self-check — honestly
- ☐ Fuel: visually verified + sumped; legal reserve (30 min day / 45 night) **plus your personal reserve**
- ☐ Personal minimums vs. today's weather — decided on the ground, not in the runup area
- ☐ Fees, headset, view-limiting device, current charts/EFB charged and current

Want the deep version? The **Private Pilot Quick-Review Study Guide** covers every ACS knowledge and risk element behind this checklist — oral-style Q&A, checkride traps, and live sims. runuplab.com/guide