

Regulatory Update from the FAA



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CFI Certificate Expiration Date? Transition to Recent Experience

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The FAASTeam



Rule Change – 14 CFR Part 61

Flight instructor certificates will
no longer have an expiration date.

Published Rule:

October 1st, 2024



<https://bit.ly/49KxtXz>



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Final Rule Became

EFFECTIVE

December 1st, 2024

Changes to 14 CFR Parts 11, 61, 63, 65, and 141



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What the New Rule effects (in part):

- Part 61 – CERTIFICATION: PILOTS, FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS, AND GROUND INSTRUCTORS
 - 61.2 - Exercise Privileges
 - 61.19 - Duration of pilot and instructor certificates and privileges
 - 61.39 - Prerequisites for Practical tests (Expired Knowledge Test Report)
 - 61.40 - Relief for U.S. Military and civilian personnel who are assigned outside the United States in support of U.S. Armed Forces operations.
 - 61.51 - Pilot Logbooks
 - 61.56 - Flight Review
 - 61.195 - Flight instructor limitations and qualifications
 - **61.197 - Recent experience requirements for flight instructor certification**
 - **61.199 - Reinstatement of flight instructor privileges**

Note: This final rule also included amendments to Part 61, Sections
Subpart H & K, §§ 61.215, 425, 427



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Please catch up on your reading for these changes...



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“CFI Privilege Renewal and Reinstatement”.

If your certificate has an expiration Date:

- Renew before expiration date
 - Establish recent experience per § 61.197
- Reinstatement privileges by FAA authorized FIRC (if lapsed by no more than three calendar months) or other optional means.

EXPIRES SOON



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We will cover:

- **Removal of the Expiration Date on your CFI Certificate**
- **New recent experience and reinstatement options**
- **Other rule changes**



Defining some terms

- **“RE”** - CFIs can establish their “Recent Experience” End Date or **“RE”** date at any time.
- **Reinstatement period** – 3 Calendar months past the RE End date, NO CFI privileges until RE has been re-established.
- **Reinstatement** – if more than 3 calendar months past the RE Date, §61.199 options required.



- CFI certificates Issued on or after December 1, 2024, **do not have an expiration date.**
- New CFI recent experience (RE) requirement
- CFIs must now document recent experience every 24 calendar months.
- Recent experience requirements validated and recorded on FAA Form 8710-1 (Subpart H), or 8710-11 (Sport Pilot Subpart K)

FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application - Sport Pilot

Form Approved OMB No. 2120-0000 11/00/2019

1. Personal Information

2. Medical Information

3. Flight Information

4. Recent Experience

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**You can renew 3 months prior
to RE end date month!**

So... If your RE end date is August,
you can renew May, June, July, or
August to retain the month of
August as the last month of recent
experience!

Ref: AC 61-65J (10/30/2024)



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Establish recent experience under the final rule...

- A flight instructor must establish “**recent experience**” in accordance with § **61.197** prior to the expiration date or recent experience end date.
- This holds true for CFI with a Sport Pilot Rating.



- Certificates issued after December 1, 2024,
do not have an expiration date.
- Recent Experience requirements validated for a period of 24 months.
- Recent experience end date equal to the end of the month you renewed
- Reinstatement period no more than 3 calendar months after end date
- Privileges are suspended until recency is reestablished.



Understanding Recent Experience

Complete one of the following recent experience options at least every 24 calendar months...



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Six Recent Experience Options:

- **Pass a practical test**
 - for one of the ratings listed on the person's current flight instructor certificate or,
 - passing a practical test for an additional flight instructor rating.

Or...



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Present to a Certifying FAA Official

- **Records showing that, during the preceding 24 calendar months, the CFI has endorsed:**
 - at least 5 applicants for a practical test for a certificate or rating and,
 - At least 80 percent of all applicants passed that test on the first attempt.
- Or...



Present to a Certifying FAA Official

- Graduation Certificate from an FAA-approved **Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC)** within the preceding three (3) calendar months

Or...



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Present to a Certifying FAA Official

- **A record showing that, within the preceding 24 months from the month of application:**
 - The flight instructor passed an official U.S. Armed Forces military instructor pilot or pilot examiner proficiency check for which the military instructor already holds a rating or in an aircraft for an additional rating.

Or...



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Present to a Certifying FAA Official

- **A record showing that, within the preceding 24 calendar months, the flight instructor served as a:**
 - company check pilot
 - chief flight instructor
 - flight instructor in a 14 CFR Part 121 or 135 operation or in a position involving the regular evaluation of pilots.

Or...



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Present to a Certifying FAA Official

- A record showing that, within the preceding 24 calendar months:
 - the flight instructor served as a flight instructor in the **WINGS** pilot proficiency program.
 - The flight instructor must meet the appropriate flight instructor recent experience requirements
 - have satisfactorily completed at least one phase of an FAA sponsored pilot proficiency program in the preceding 12 calendar months and,



A record showing that, within the preceding 24 calendar months:

- conducted at least **15 flight activities** recognized **under the WINGS-FAA-sponsored pilot proficiency program** to at least **5 pilots** and has made necessary endorsements in the logbooks of those pilots for each activity.



Instructor Portal - List of Credits Validated

- See all the credits you have validated
- Delete (revoke) credit for a previously validated activity
- Save/Print list for Renewal to present to ASI



All Users, From the Home Page

The screenshot displays the FAA Safety.gov website interface. At the top, there are three main navigation tabs: **Pilots**, **Resources**, and **Administration**. To the right of these tabs is a [Page Help](#) link. Below the **Pilots** tab, a dropdown menu is visible, listing several options: **Award Programs**, **Instructor Portal** (highlighted with a green border and a yellow hand icon pointing to it), **My WINGS**, **Team Rewards**, **WINGS – Learn More**, and **Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a user profile section for **jay.m.flowers@faa.gov** (Administrator), with a **close** button and a [Logout](#) link. Below the user profile, there is a section titled **My FAA Safety.gov Account** with a link to [My Preferences and Profile](#). Further down, it states **Your Local FAA Team Program Manager is Patricia MATHES** and provides a [Click Here for Assistance](#) link. At the bottom of this section, there is a **Common Tasks** list with links to [FAQs](#), [Print Course Certificates](#), and [View My Activity History](#). On the far left, there is a sidebar with a section titled **Activities, Courses** and **Featured Courses**, listing various courses like **Pilot Deviations: Root Cause** and **Health as a Human Factor**. On the far right, there is another sidebar with a **Page Help** link and a **faa.gov** logo with a [Logout](#) link.



Activities, Courses

Award Programs | Instructor Tools

Instructor Tools

The Instructor Portal is below to get started. Below through this portal.

Renew your CFI by giving:

- (1) Hold a flight
- (2) Hold a current
- (3) Have evaluated different pilots,
- (4) Apply to the

Account Registration

Instructor Tools

List of Credits Validated

This page presents a list of credits "Completed" or "Requested Not Validated" by the logged in instructor. Instructors may view and print this validation history to demonstrate their participation in the program. They may present this documentation to substantiate the requirements for Flight Instructor renewal in accordance with [AC 81-91J](#). This report also indicates whether they conducted the activity, or validated it for another instructor. Authorized users also have the ability to search and view credits validated by any instructor.

Activity Validation - Give Credit

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Print Checklist

This link takes you to a page that permits a CFI to view or print the WINGS Checklist for a pilot. You must hold an instructor certificate or an instructor privilege to use this feature. The pilot must give you his or her [FAASafety.gov](#) email address to print their Checklist.

WINGS Flight Instructor Guide

Instructions for Flight Instructors to implement and administer the WINGS Program.

Account Registration (No email / computer)

Instructor Tools

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CFI Credits Validated



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Instructors may view and print this validation history to demonstrate their participation in the program by clicking the PDF icon below. The PDF report indicates the specific credits that you validated and whether you conducted the activity or validated it for another instructor. Instructors may present this documentation to verify the requirements for Flight Instructor renewal in accordance with [AC 61-91J](#) as revised.

Renew your CFI by giving WINGS training. Here's how:

- (1) Hold a flight instructor certificate that has not expired.
- (2) Hold a current phase of WINGS (at any level).
- (3) Have evaluated at least 15 WINGS-accredited pilots (at any level) during which the CFI evaluates at least five different pilots, and make appropriate endorsements for each pilot for each activity.
- (4) Apply to the FAA – see [AC 61-91J](#). (Include your validation history with your application)

Display History

Past 24 Months ▼

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Past 3 Months
Past 6 Months
Past 12 Months
Past 24 Months
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All Activity Types



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Credit Validation Search Results for Jay FLOWERS In The Past 24 Months

RESULTS 1 - 4 OF 4.		60	PER PAGE	Export 
Requester	Activity Type	Date	Complete Accredited Activity	Status
SVEC, AARON LIEMOHN 57234, GL27 aa.svec@gmail.com	Flight Activity A080118-01	3/29/2024	Part 121 Proficiency Check Basic WINGS 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 2 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 3 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 1 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 2 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3 Advanced WINGS 1 Credit for Advanced Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Advanced Knowledge Topic 1 2 Credits for Advanced Flight Topic 2 2 Credits for Advanced Knowledge Topic 2 Master WINGS 1 Credit for Master Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Master Knowledge Topic 1 2 Credits for Master Flight Topic 2 2 Credits for Master Knowledge Topic 2	Accepted 
HENDRICKS, ADAM HOWARD 75023, SW19 jaahendr@gmail.com	Flight Activity A070405-08	6/20/2023	ASEL-Slow Flight, Stall, Spins Upsets, Basic Instruments (Pvt, Comm'l, ATP) 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 2	Accepted 
HENDRICKS, ADAM HOWARD 75023, SW19 jaahendr@gmail.com	Flight Activity A100125-07	6/20/2023	ASEL-Airport Operations (Pvt, Comm'l, ATP) 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 3	Accepted 
HENDRICKS, ADAM HOWARD 75023, SW19 jaahendr@gmail.com	Flight Activity A210119-01	6/20/2023	ASEL-AMEL Tarmac Tales (RIRTP) – (Pvt, Comm'l, ATP) 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 1	Accepted 

**Save history as
.PDF or Excel
spreadsheet**



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WINGS Flight Activities

WINGS Topics of the Quarter



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Flight Activities For ASEL:

Plan Alpha

Spring Flight Activity

Flight Activity: A070405-07
Takeoffs, Landings, Go-Arounds



<https://bit.ly/2L1WceL>

Objective: To develop, review, or improve the airman's knowledge, airmanship and understanding the importance of maintaining positive aircraft control during takeoff, landing, and go-arounds.

I certify that

holder of pilot certificate # _____,
has satisfactorily demonstrated proficiency
in the required tasks as outlined in the
WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program, for
activity #A070405-07 on _____.

CFI Printed Name: _____

CFI # / Expiration: _____

CFI SIGNATURE: _____

Summer Flight Activity

Flight Activity: A070405-08
Slow Flight, Stalls,
Basic Instruments



<https://bit.ly/2AZZNFM>

Objective: To develop, review, or improve the airman's knowledge, airmanship and understanding the importance of performing intentional stalls to familiarize the airman with the conditions that produce stalls.

I certify that

holder of pilot certificate # _____,
has satisfactorily demonstrated proficiency
in the required tasks as outlined in the
WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program, for
activity #A070405-08 on _____.

CFI Printed Name: _____

CFI # / Expiration: _____

CFI SIGNATURE: _____

Fall Flight Activity

Flight Activity: A100125-07
Airport Operations



<https://bit.ly/2G5Ybjl>

Objective: To develop, review, or improve the airman's knowledge, airmanship and understanding the importance of knowing and abiding by the rules and general operating procedures applicable to airports.

I certify that

holder of pilot certificate # _____,
has satisfactorily demonstrated proficiency
in the required tasks as outlined in the
WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program, for
activity #A100125-07 on _____.

CFI Printed Name: _____

CFI # / Expiration: _____

CFI SIGNATURE: _____

Winter Flight Activity



Flight Activity: A100125-08
Air Work – Proficiency Maneuvers
& Ground Reference Maneuvers



<https://bit.ly/2Ei2rL0>

Objective: To develop, review, or improve the airman's knowledge, airmanship and understanding the importance of mastering the ability to control the airplane, and recognize and correct for the effect(s) of wind.

I certify that

holder of pilot certificate # _____,
has satisfactorily demonstrated proficiency
in the required tasks as outlined in the
WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program, for
activity #A100125-08 on _____.

CFI Printed Name: _____

CFI # / Expiration: _____

CFI SIGNATURE: _____



<https://bit.ly/3P2HSV8>



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WINGS Certification Activities

WINGS Certification Activity Quick List

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Practical Test Activities

Did you know that each time you earn a pilot certificate or rating, you also qualify for a **WINGS** Pilot Proficiency Award?

That's right! After successful completion of your practical test, simply ask your Designee or CFI to validate your success by providing the information for the appropriate **WINGS** activities from the activities listed below.

Follow these steps to get started:

- 1) Scan the QR Code for the associated activity on these pages or use the link listed for each activity
- 2) Click on **Request Credit!**
- 3) Log in with your user account or register as a user with the link provided.
- 4) Once logged in, You will be asked to provide the date of completion of the activity and to select a validator. Follow directions on the Website.

Need Help? Contact your local **WINGSPro** for assistance.

The next step is up to your CFI or designee to validate the request. Validators do not have to be WINGS users or account holders. The WINGS system was designed to accommodate validation by asking your validator a few questions and done!



<https://bit.ly/3y05KOn>



Private Pilot Activity #A071102-02

Dated: __/__/__.

CFI/Designee Printed Name: _____ CFI # / Expiration: _____

CFI/Designee SIGNATURE: _____



<https://bit.ly/3rV2yk2>



<https://bit.ly/3dHwwD1>



Commercial Pilot Activity #A071102-01

CFI/Designee Printed Name: _____

CFI/Designee SIGNATURE: _____

<https://bit.ly/4gMLLJP>

PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR YOUR RECORDS ONLY!

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Accredited Activity Information

 **jay.m.flowers@faa.gov**
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Name: **Instrument Proficiency Check** ([print friendly](#))

Credits:

As of 11/26/2024, Does a Credit Apply to Jay FLOWERS?

Basic WINGS

- ☒ 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 1
- ☐ 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 2
- ☒ 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 3
- ☐ 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 1
- ☐ 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 2
- ☐ 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3

Activity Number: **APT-Instrument Proficiency Check**

Syllabus: [S-BF1-W1.00-080123-002-01](#)
Takeoffs, Climbs, Approaches, Landings, Go-Arounds - WINGS
[S-BF2-W1.00-091201-002-01](#)
Positive Aircraft Control, including Loss of Control Issues
[S-BK1-W1.00-080126-002-01](#)
Aeronautical Decision Making, including Runway Safety Issues
[S-BF3-W1.00-080128-002-02](#)
Basic Flying Skills
[S-BK2-W1.00-080129-002-01](#)
Performance and Limitations
[S-BK3-W1.00-110811-002-01](#)
Preflight Planning, Resources, and Fuel Management

Provided by: **Accredited Proficiency**

[Request Credit!](#)

This Accredited Activity is available to all airmen

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the [Sample Flight Instructors' IPC Checklist](#)

FAA Advisory Circular 61-98D - Chapter 5 Instrument Proficiency Check

Click [HERE](#) for free online copy of this Advisory Circular

Note IPC references from this Advisory Circular as listed below:


Flight Activity
APT-Instrument Proficiency
Check

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Example of one activity with multiple credit

Date	Complete Accredited Activity	Status
3/29/2024	<u>Part 121 Proficiency Check</u> Basic WINGS 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 2 1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 3 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 1 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 2 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3 Advanced WINGS 1 Credit for Advanced Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Advanced Knowledge Topic 1 2 Credits for Advanced Flight Topic 2 2 Credits for Advanced Knowledge Topic 2 Master WINGS 1 Credit for Master Flight Topic 1 1 Credit for Master Knowledge Topic 1 2 Credits for Master Flight Topic 2 2 Credits for Master Knowledge Topic 2	Accepted 



What your endorsements must look like...

- **Include a description of:**
 - the training given
 - the length of the training lesson
 - the authorized instructor's signature certificate number, and **certificate expiration date or recent experience end date**, consistent with the requirements of § 61.197.



Affects endorsements...

Flight Review Endorsement

I certify that [Wrongway Feldman] cert # [1234567] has
satisfactory completed the **Flight Review** required under **61.56**
dated [03/02/2021]

Jay Instructor

CFI Name & Signature



1234567CFI 02/22

Certificate # and Exp. Date or RE Date



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Time to collect your RE Qualifiers

- Validate all recent experience by submitting an 8710-1 or 8710-11 to the FAA along with supporting documentation.

YEAR 2016 DATE	AIRCRAFT MAKE and MODEL	AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	POINTS OF DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL		AIRCRAFT CATEGORY and CLASSIFICATION			TYPE OF PILOTING TIME			
			FROM	TO	AIRPLANE SINGLE ENGINE LAND	AIRPLANE MULTI-ENGINE LAND	ROTORCRAFT HELICOPTER	Tailwheel	DUAL RECEIVED	PILOT-IN- COMMAND	SECOND-IN- COMMAND
8/10	GAH1A	N360P	KJKA	KJKA	-	-	-	-	10	-	8
8/17	Bushcat	N34BL	KJKA	KJKA	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/17	C172M	N359AL	KJKA	KPNV	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/24	Fox242	SF9262	UNB	UNB	-	11	-	-	-	11	11
8/26	C172S	NS21ND	GFK	GFK	11	-	-	-	-	-	13
8/26	Fox242	SF9262	UNB	UNB	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
8/27	C172I	N46015	GFK	GFK	13	-	13	-	-	-	16
8/29	PA44-180	NS80ND	GFK	GFK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/31	Fox242	SF1472	UNB	UNB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/3	C172S	NS61ND	GFK	BIS	16	-	-	-	-	-	-

You last selected Jay FLOWERS (jay.m.flowers@faa.gov) in Bismarck, ND 58504

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			1 Credit for Basic Flight Topic 1	Accepted



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Airman Certificate Information

<https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/airmeninquiry/>




<https://bit.ly/3VHb7kg>

Search Results Horizontal Vertical

Total names found is 1 based on the search criteria provided above.

JAY MICHAEL FLOWERS

Personal Information 

JAY MICHAEL FLOWERS

Airman opted-out of releasing address

Medical Information:

Medical Class: Second **Medical Date:** 12/2012

MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES.

BasicMed Course Date: None **BasicMed CMEC Date:** None

Certificates

AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Certificates Description

Certificate: FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Date of Issue: 11/3/2022


Ratings:

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

AIRPLANE SINGLE AND MULTIENGINE

INSTRUMENT AIRPLANE

Limits:

VALID ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY PILOT CERTIFICATE NO. . EXPIRES: 



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CFI with a Sport Pilot Rating



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Establish RE with Sport Pilot Rating (§61.425)

- (a) If you hold a CFI certificate with a sport pilot rating issued after December 1, 2024, you must establish recent experience in accordance with **§ 61.197**.



(b) an unexpired CFI certificate with a sport pilot rating issued **before December 1, 2024**, must:

- renew your certificate by establishing recent experience in accordance with **§ 61.197**
 - prior to the month of expiration on your flight instructor certificate.
 - If you fail to establish RE prior to the expiration of your flight instructor certificate
 - you may not exercise flight instructor privileges until you reinstate those privileges in accordance with **§ 61.427**.



Establish RE w Sport Pilot Rating (§61.427)

- **you must reinstate your flight instructor privileges by satisfactorily completing one of the following reinstatement requirements:**
 - (a) If 3 calendar months or less past RE end date
 - you must successfully complete an approved flight instructor refresher course...or

Establish RE w Sport Pilot Rating (§61.427)

- (b) If more than 3 calendar months past RE end date
 - you must pass a practical test as prescribed in § 61.405(b) or § 61.183(h) for one of the ratings listed on your flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating.



Let's Run Through a Couple of Scenarios



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Establish RE Early

- **Example 1: If the last month of a flight instructor's current recent experience period is **August**.**
- **CFI must accomplish one of the flight instructor recent experience actions in the months of May, June, July, or August to retain the month of August as the last month of recent experience per §§ 61.197(a)(3).**



Establish RE Early

- **Example 2: Assume a flight instructor last established recent experience requirements in **August 2025**.**
- **CFI completes a FIRC on **June 1, 2025**,**
- **Presents their FIRC graduation certificate and completed FAA Form 8710-1 to a FSDO on **June 15, 2025**.**
- **The flight instructor recent experience is reestablished and is valid through **August 31, 2027** (per § 61.197(a)(3)).**



Keeping the Same RE Date

The month in which the flight instructor recent experience period ends *is unchanged if the instructor completes the recent experience requirement(s) within the 3 calendar months prior to the last month of the recent experience period.*



Early RE Submission

- **Example 3: The flight instructor has a recent experience period ending on **August 31, 2025**.**
- **CFI completes a FIRC on **January 5, 2025**, 7 calendar months before the last month of the recent experience period.**
- **CFI submits FAA Form 8710-1 to validate their recent experience on **April 13, 2025**, within 3 calendar months of the date of the FIRC graduation. The flight instructor's new recent experience period would end 24 calendar months from **April 30, 2025**, or in other words, **April 30, 2027**.**



Reinstatement Under Part 61.199

- **If CFI no longer has Recent Experience qualifier, must reinstate by:**
 - (1) A flight instructor certification practical test, as prescribed by [§ 61.183\(h\)](#), for one of the ratings held on the expired flight instructor certificate.
 - (2) A flight instructor certification practical test for an additional rating.
 - (3) Military Instructor Pilots (read rule for more info)



Other Changes – Flight Review

Part 61. 56 Flight Review – (In part states)

- (f) A person who holds a flight instructor certificate and who has, within the period specified in paragraph (c) of this section, **satisfactorily completed a renewal of a flight instructor certificate under the provisions in §61.197 need not accomplish the one hour of ground training specified in paragraph (a)...**



Re-Cap what we've learned...

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RE End Date

CFI
Certificate

Renewal within this time frame,
RE End Date remains the same

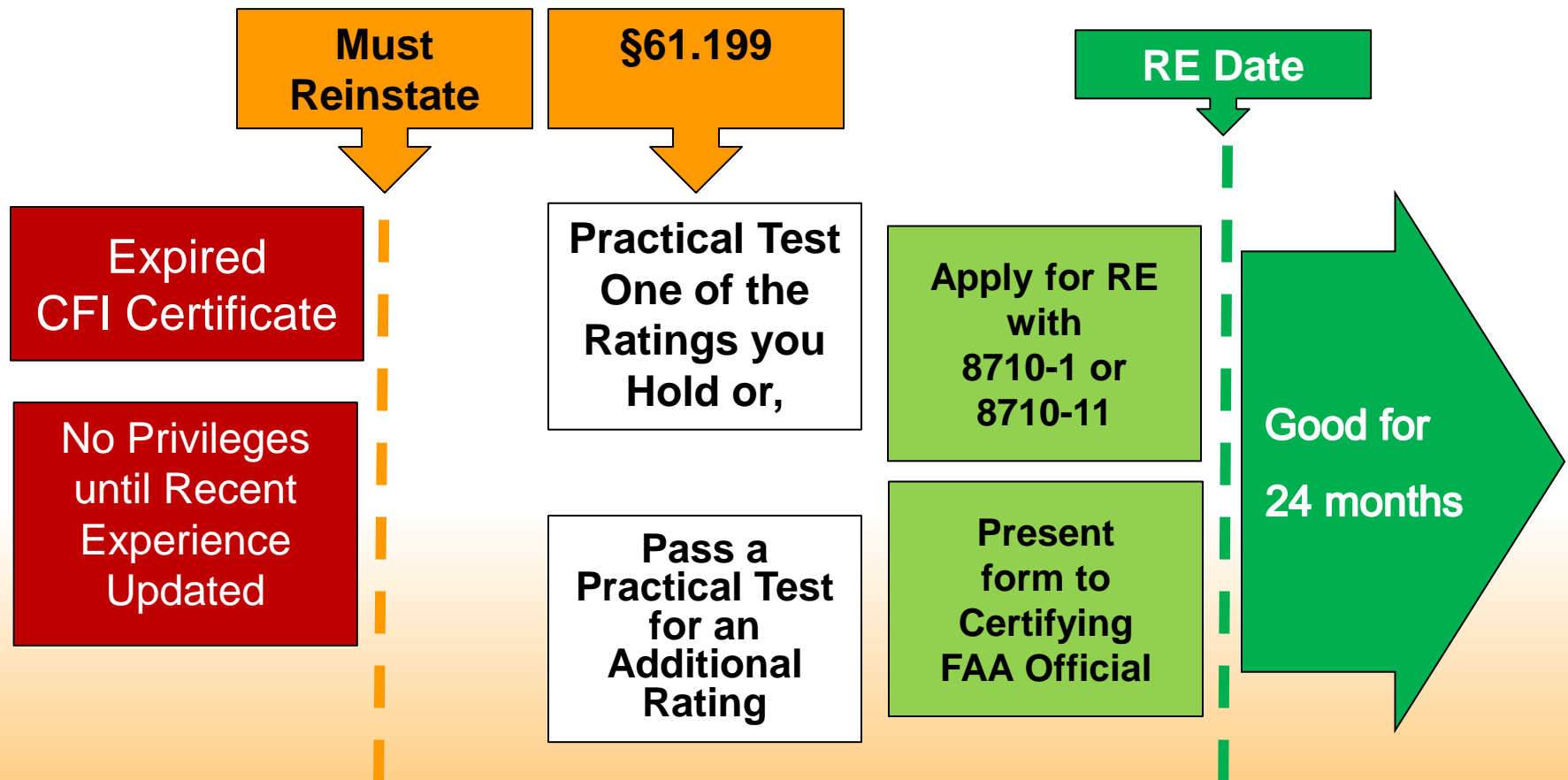
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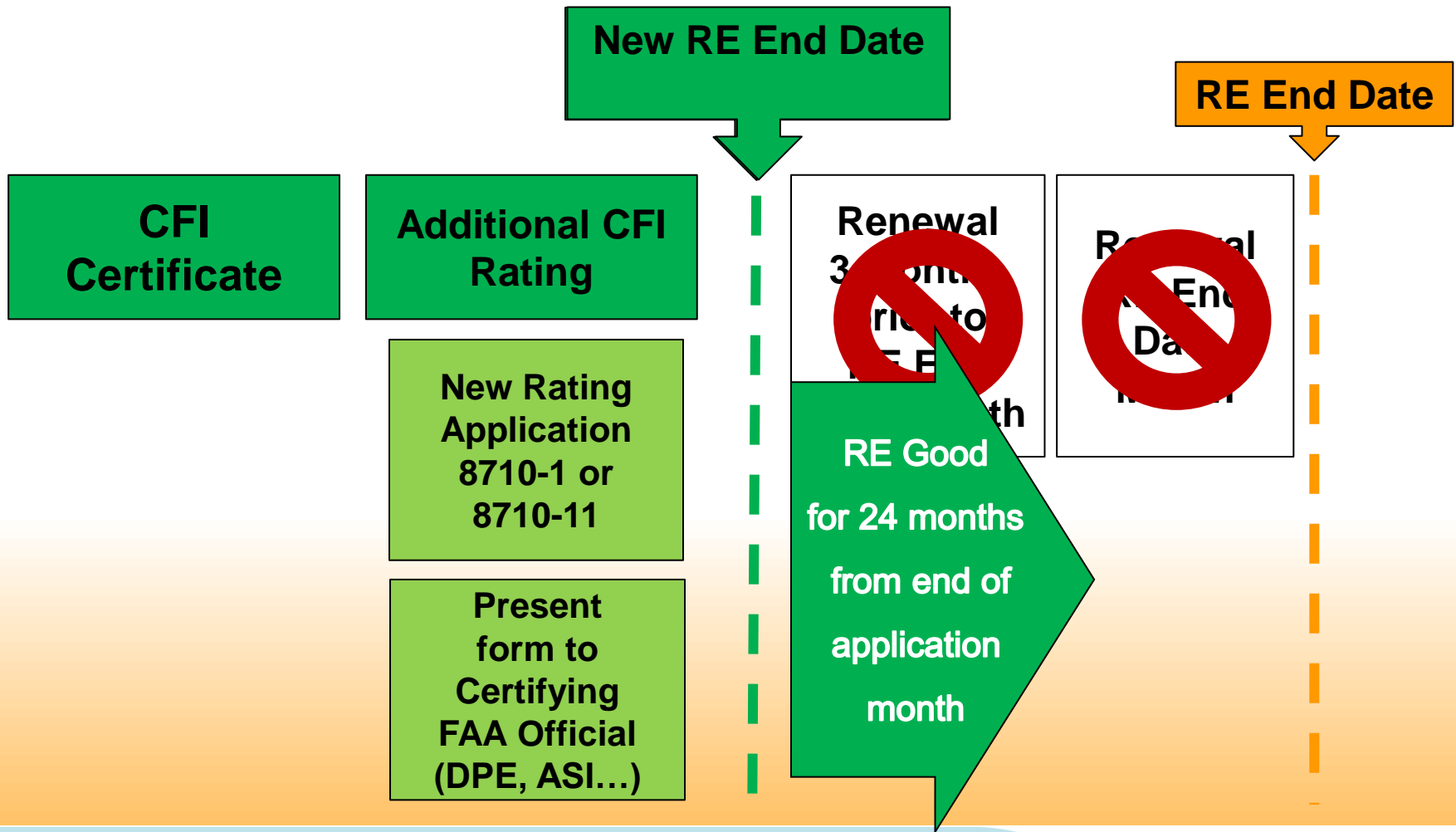


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My CFI expired years ago...



Renew my CFI earlier than...





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How can I verify my recency?

- The FAA notes that airman can verify the status of their flight instructor certificate online at the FAA's online Airmen Certificate Information website or by contacting the FAA Airman Certification Branch.



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What if I allow my Certificate to Expire or do not meet the recency requirement?

Flight instructors whose certificate has expired have 3 months after expiration or recent experience to validate their recency experience requirement.



What if I'm no longer active...?

- After December 1, 2024, and up to three months after your last recency of experience date:
 - Can renew by completing a FIRC or,
 - Reinstate via a practical test through a local ASI or DPE.



Reinstatement

All previous reinstatement options
are retained under:

§ 61.199(a)(2)

§ 61.427(a)(b)



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