

How To be Better Prepared For Your Checkride

Are you nervous about your upcoming check ride and don't really know what to expect? Do you want to be better prepared? Or are you a CFI curious about what DPE's see applicants struggling with, and want your students to be better prepared?

Join Brandon Ayers—Designated Pilot Examiner, CFI, CFII, MEI with over 5,500 hours of dual flight instruction, A&P/IA Mechanic, and FAA FAASTeam Safety Representative—as he shares insights from his experience. He'll discuss common pitfalls he observed as a CFI and continues to see on check rides.

Event Details

Sat, Feb 21, 2026 at 10:00 CST
Ayers Aviation Hanger - KGLE
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Brandon will cover key trouble areas, including pre-qualifying applicants and paperwork issues, plus frequent challenges in ground and flight portions that trip up both applicants and CFIs. He'll also highlight other great online resources from fellow DPEs on YouTube, podcasts, etc. Get the tools to succeed! The session will last two hours and include breaks.

Parking is at Airport Terminal Building 2350 Airport Dr Gainesville, Tx (Red Brick Building w/ Green Roof) Walk through terminal building to Ramp and Ayers Aviation Hanger is first hanger on the north side of the terminal building. Walk-through door is located on southeast side of the hanger on the ramp side. Conference room is located behind the Steerman Biplane.

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