

URGENT NOTICE

SOLO FLIGHT TIME

The CAA is currently investigating a number of infringements with respect to the logging of solo flight time for crediting towards the initial issue of a private pilots licence.

The initial application for a Private Pilots License (A) and (H), Regulation 61.03.01(2)(b) and 61.04.01(2)(b) requires that at least 15 hours are accumulated in solo flight, of which at least five hours are cross-country flight time; which must include one triangular cross-country flight of at least 150 NM, on which at least one point must be not less than 50 NM from base and must include full-stop landings at two different aerodromes away from base.

The definition of solo time whilst not being contained in CAR Subpart 1 is contained in the **INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES - PERSONNEL LICENSING, ANNEX 1 TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION TENTH EDITION JULY 2006**

“Solo flight time” Flight time during which a student pilot is the sole occupant of an aircraft.

This means that the solo student is the only occupant of the aircraft and that NO person other than the pilot flying solo shall be present in the aircraft. This means that neither a safety pilot, nor a passenger, nor an instructor nor any other person may accompany the student pilot on a solo flight.

Contravention of this regulation is considered to be a major breach of the Civil Aviation Regulations and therefore any contravention of the said Regulation 61.03.01(2)(b) and 61.04.01(2)(b) will result in an enforcement action that could result in the suspension of the licence and/or criminal prosecution for a violation of the regulations by all parties concerned.



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