
PRE-SOLO STAGE CHECK & KNOWLEDGE TEST

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

CAE is committed to achieving the highest level of safety by meeting or surpassing regulatory requirements, by auditing the safety implications of our activities, by identifying areas for improvement through incident reporting, investigation and risk assessment, and by encouraging the open and honest reporting of safety issues.

POLICY:

CAE Global Academy member schools shall make effective immediately Pre-Solo Knowledge Tests & Stage Checks preceding the student-pilots' first solo flight, as per the syllabus.

Before the student may be endorsed for a Pre-Solo Stage Check, the student must demonstrate satisfactory aeronautical knowledge by having completed a Pre-Solo Knowledge Test consisting of applicable knowledge for solo flight and the course curriculum in which the student is enrolled. The assigned instructor must then review all incorrect answers with the student. Once all incorrect answers have been reviewed, the knowledge test must then be signed by the assigned instructor and placed into the students' training record before the student may be endorsed for the Pre-Solo Stage Check.

The Stage Check must be accomplished by an authorized instructor other than the students' assigned instructor, and consist of oral examination for ground and flight training. The assigned instructor bears sole responsibility for their assigned students, including ensuring the student is adequately and properly prepared and has the sufficient knowledge and proficiency to satisfactorily pass the Pre-Solo Stage Check, and only then may the student be endorsed and recommended by the assigned instructor that conducted the pre-solo ground and flight training.

The maneuvers and procedures in which a student-pilot must satisfactorily demonstrate knowledge and proficiency, in ground and flight training for solo flight, is directed by the governing authority and/or the approved course curriculum in which the student is currently enrolled.

The pre-solo student shall receive and log ground and flight training applicable to the knowledge required for solo flight, and demonstrate satisfactory proficiency and safety as judged by an authorized instructor on all ground and flight maneuvers and procedures applicable to the course curriculum and aircraft make and model in which the solo flight will be conducted.

If the student-pilot is found unsatisfactory in the stage check, a ground and/or flight review with the assigned instructor in the areas found deficient must be conducted.

The student-pilot may only conduct a re-test after:

- (1) the assigned instructor has provided additional training in the areas found deficient;
- (2) the authorized instructor has determined the applicant proficient to pass the evaluation, and;
- (3) an endorsement into the student-pilots' record from the assigned instructor who gave the student-pilot additional training has been received.

After successful completion of the Stage Check, the authorized instructor that conducted the stage check examination must then endorse the students' training record, logbook and pilot certificate that the student has demonstrated the proper knowledge and proficiency to safely conduct solo flight in the specific aircraft make and model.

EXCEPTIONS AND REVIEW:

This policy is not to supersede the regulations and policies associated with the course curriculum in which the student is currently enrolled, or regulations governing the Flight Training Organization (FTO).

If regulations governing the FTO differ, notification must be provided to the Chief Safety Officer or President / Vice-President – Pilot Provisioning.

SCOPE:

CAE Global Academy affiliated organizations currently not conducting Pre-Solo Stage Checks associated with a course curriculum.