



Solo Operations

You must check with an instructor before every solo flight. Check the METAR, ATIS, TAF, and winds aloft for current and forecast conditions, and be sure to comply with FAR §91.103 and all Pilot-In-Command responsibilities. For solo cross-country flights, you must leave a copy of your flight plan with the office or instructor. (All Solo XC must have ADSB Transmitting i.e. nav lights on). Each cross-country flight must be reviewed with an instructor and an endorsement given in your logbook prior to departure.

Solo Limitations

IMPORTANT: You must carry your student pilot certificate, medical certificate, valid photo ID, and logbook with appropriate endorsements onboard during all solo operations.

Be aware of the following restrictions on solo student pilots:

- Your solo endorsement is only valid for 90 days, after which you must receive an additional 90-day solo endorsement per §61.87(p)
- You must have endorsements to do any of the following:
 - Fly beyond 25 nm from your origination airport
 - Land at any other airport other than your origination airport
 - Each solo cross-country flight
 - Fly through class B airspace
 - Fly at night*

* Night is defined as the end of evening civil twilight to the beginning of morning civil twilight (approximately half an hour after sunset). Please be back and parked by sunset! Please review FAR §61.89.

The following restrictions apply to solo student pilots:

- No carrying passengers;
- No carrying property for compensation or hire;
- No flying for compensation or hire;
- No international flights;
- No flying when flight or surface visibility is less than 3 sm during the day;
- No flying without visual reference to the surface;
- No flying as a required crewmember (i.e. as a safety pilot); and
- You must comply with any limitations set by your instructor or school policy.

French Valley Flyers policy requires the following for student pilot currency:

- Students must have flown dual or solo within the preceding 14 days
- Students must have flown with an instructor within the preceding 30 days.

Please refer to the French valley Flyers Renters Agreement & Policies and Procedures for a full review of policies. When solo, as Pilot in Command (PIC), you are ultimately responsible for determining an aircraft is airworthy and are the final authority as to the operation of that aircraft.