



# Advisory Circular AC61-4

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## Pilot Licences and Ratings Student Licences

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### GENERAL

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Advisory Circular (AC) contains information about standards, practices and procedures that the Director has found to be an Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) with the associated rule.

An AMC is not intended to be the only means of compliance with a rule, and consideration will be given to other methods of compliance that may be presented to the Director. When new standards, practices, or procedures are found to be acceptable, they will be added to the appropriate AC.

This Advisory Circular also includes Explanatory Material (EM) where it has been shown that further explanation is required. Explanatory Material must not be regarded as an acceptable means of compliance.

### PURPOSE

This AC provides methods, acceptable to the Director, for showing compliance with the pilot licences and ratings general requirements of Civil Aviation Rule Part 61 and explanatory material to assist in showing compliance.

### RELATED CAR

This AC relates specifically to Civil Aviation Rule Parts 61 Subpart D

### CHANGE NOTICE

This AC replaces previous Issue 1 dated 1 April 2015.

### APPROVAL

This AC has been approved for publication by the Director of Civil Aviation.

## **INTRODUCTION**

This advisory circular provides support for Part 61, Subpart D, Student Pilots.

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## **Subpart D — Student Pilots**

### **EM 61.103 General**

- (a) Rule 61.103 allows any person to fly dual with an appropriately qualified flight instructor and to log those hours as dual flight time. An effect of this provision is that a potential student pilot may now commence flight training without the previous requirements to wait for a medical examination and for a student pilot licence. There is however, a limit on the time they can fly before attaining a student pilot licence.
- (b) Another effect of 61.103 is that holders, of lifetime licences which are not current, may still fly dual and may undergo dual training and flight review towards a BFR. If they hold at least a Class 2 medical certificate they may still fly solo provided they meet the requirements of 61.107.

### **EM 61.105 Solo flight requirements**

- (a) Rule 61.105 states the requirements that must be met before a pilot may fly an aircraft solo.
- (b) Rule 61.105 states that such flights have to be under the supervision of the holder of an appropriate flight instructor rating who is directly responsible for the actions of the student pilot.
- (c) Rule 61.105(a)(b) states the ongoing medical requirements that student pilots flying solo are required to meet