

# Advantage Aviation

## Guidelines for Pre-Solo Phase Check

Congratulations on reaching this very important stage of your flight training! The following tips and guidelines should help you have a smooth and enjoyable experience on your phase check. Please review this information thoroughly and consult with your CFI for clarification of any items.

The pre-solo phase check serves to ensure safe student solo operations and helps to provide valuable feedback to students and instructors alike as to how effectively training has crystalized. As for you, the student, this a valuable opportunity to experience a practical test, much in the manner of how you will be examined by an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner. Your phase check will begin with an oral exam, followed by a flight test upon successful completion of the ground portion. Here are some things you should expect and plan for:

- Be ready to present your qualifying documents for solo operations
- Be able to demonstrate the airworthiness of the aircraft you are flying
- Be prepared with a weather brief for the flight
- Be aware of any squawks for your airplane
- Be prepared to fly to an airport other than PAO for pattern work
- Be comfortable doing air work somewhere en route to your destination
- Be able to discuss navigation to an alternate airport(s)
- Be thoroughly knowledgeable of all local airspaces
- Be prepared with airport taxi diagrams and active NOTAMs

### Phase Check Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Pilot Certificate              | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Engine Checkout Form        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certificate                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Sectional and TAC          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Photo ID                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Chart Supplement           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logbook/Endorsements                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft POH or Information Manual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Pre-Solo Knowledge Test      | <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Checklists                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weight and Balance                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Diagrams                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Inspections and Docs Reviewed | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Brief                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current FAR/AIM                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Preflight Done Before Exam Begins  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advantage Aviation Bylaws              | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Water!!                   |

Be sure to contact your assigned phase check CFI with any questions ahead of the exam!