

Tow Pilot Requirements

Sec. 61.69 - Glider and unpowered ultralight vehicle towing: Experience and training requirements.

- (a) No person may act as pilot in command for towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle unless that person-
- (1) Holds at least a private pilot certificate with a category rating for powered aircraft;
 - (2) Has logged at least 100 hours of pilot-in-command time in the aircraft category, class and type, if required, that the pilot is using to tow a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle;
 - (3) Has a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who certifies that the person has received ground and flight training in gliders or unpowered ultralight vehicles and is proficient in--
 - (i) The techniques and procedures essential to the safe towing of gliders or unpowered ultralight vehicles, including airspeed limitations;
 - (ii) Emergency procedures;
 - (iii) Signals used; and
 - (iv) Maximum angles of bank.
 - (4) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, has logged at least three flights as the sole manipulator of the controls of an aircraft towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle simulating towing flight procedures while accompanied by a pilot who meets the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section;
 - (5) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, has received a logbook endorsement from the pilot, described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, certifying that the person has accomplished at least 3 flights in an aircraft while towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle, or while simulating towing flight procedures; and
 - (6) Within the preceding 12 months has--
 - (i) Made at least three actual or simulated tows of a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle while accompanied by a qualified pilot who meets the requirements of this section; or
 - (ii) Made at least three flights as pilot in command of a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle towed by an aircraft.
- (b) Any person who, before May 17, 1967, has made and logged 10 or more flights as pilot in command of an aircraft towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle in accordance with a certificate of waiver need not comply with paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5) of this section.
- (c) The pilot, described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, who endorses the logbook of a person seeking towing privileges must have-
- (1) Met the requirements of this section prior to endorsing the logbook of the person seeking towing privileges; and
 - (2) Logged at least 10 flights as pilot in command of an aircraft while towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle.
- (d) If the pilot described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section holds only a private pilot certificate, then that pilot must have-
- (1) Logged at least 100 hours of pilot-in-command time in airplanes, or 200 hours of pilot-in-command time in a combination of powered and other-than-powered aircraft; and
 - (2) Performed and logged at least three flights within the 12 calendar months preceding the month that pilot accompanies or endorses the logbook of a person seeking towing privileges -
 - (i) In an aircraft while towing a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle accompanied by another pilot who meets the requirements of this section; or
 - (ii) As pilot in command of a glider or unpowered ultralight vehicle being towed by another aircraft.