

WINGS FLIGHT TOPICS

The FAA offers an alternative pathway to recurrent training as part of a Flight Review via the WINGS — Pilot Proficiency Program administered by the FAAS Team (FAA Safety Team). A person only needs to complete a full phase of WINGS to satisfy the flight review requirement under 14 CFR 61.56(e).

A completed WINGS phase requires a set of knowledge topics through online courses at FAASafety.gov, and flight activities with a CFI, all tracked and recorded by the website. The knowledge topics include a variety of subjects/topics that should easily meet a person's interests. The flight topics are not unlike the maneuvers flown as part of a check ride and described in the Practical Test Standards.

The advantages of WINGS are these: you get to design your recurrent training, you can proceed at your pace, and the FAA wants us to use the WINGS program because its efficacy is proven.

Let's proceed by understanding the structure of WINGS - which can be confusing at first. WINGS has three phases, based on progress and skills. It begins with the Basic phase, then progresses to an Advanced phase, and finally a Master phase. Each phase includes both knowledge topics and flight topics. You must begin at the Basic phase, before progressing to the Advanced phase, and then finally to the Master phase. Each phase has two or three-levels of flight topics; you need one of each level to complete a phase.

As stated earlier, a person can pick a topic of interest, as long as it is eligible for that phase. However, this leads to a common problem: completing knowledge topics that aren't eligible in a person's current phase. So, double check which phase the course applies to.

Finally, let's get to the purpose of this document - showing eligible flight topics that meet the intent of 61.56 for glider pilots. We are fortunate that the Soaring Safety Foundation has made a list of flight topics that are eligible for each of the three phases, but also provided other courses worth considering. Others have done the same, providing a person a number of relevant flight topics to recurrent training.

The following two tables provide those flight topics, the first by the SSF for a person's Flight Review, and the second having interesting and relevant content to recurrent training.

How do you use these tables? Simple:

Plan:

1. Click-on and then read the *Flight Topic Description* that is applicable to your phase.
2. Click-on the *Flight Topic Name/Number* applicable to your phase. This takes you to "faasafety.org".
3. If you need to do so, *Print* the flight topic description, then plan your flight activities with an instructor.

Request Credit:

1. Upon completing the flight topic with an instructor, click-on the Flight Topic Name/Number applicable to your phase. This takes you to “faasafety.org”.
2. Click on “Request Credit”. If you are not logged into WINGS, then the website will require you do so. If you are already logged into WINGS or when you have completed your log-in, the website will have you choose the validating instructor. Choose the instructor by name - not by soaring club.
3. Repeat step two as needed.

Table 1. Flight Review

Flight Topic Description	Flight Topic Number/Name by Phase - Links to "faasafety.org"		
	Basic	Advanced	Master
Basic: Flight Topic 1	A070405-25		
Basic: Flight Topic 1 (alternative 1)	A070405-134		
Basic: Flight Topic 1 (alternative 2)	A070405-135		
Basic: Flight Topic 2	A070405-26		
Basic: Flight Topic 3	A100125-31		
Basic: Flight Topic 3 (alternative)	A100125-32		
Advanced: Flight Topic 1		A070405-134	
Advanced: Flight Topic 2		A100126-05	
Advanced: Flight Topic 2 (alternative 1)		A100126-07	
Advanced: Flight Topic 2 (alternative 2)		A100405-136	
Master: Flight Topic 1			A070405-135
Master: Flight Topic 2			A100126-89
Master: Flight Topic 2 (alternative 1)			A100405-137
Master: Flight Topic 2 (alternative 2)			A100126-91
Source: Soaring Safety Foundation			

Table 2. Other Recurrent Training

Flight Topic Description by Number	Flight Topic Name/Number - Links to "faasafety.org"	FAA Wings Level - Flight Topic Number by Phase		
		Basic	Advanced	Master
SSF-Forward Slips to Landing	G-Forward Slips to Landing(Sport Pilot, Pvt,	1		
A070405-25	G-Takeoffs, Launches, Landings, Slips(Pvt, Comm'l)	1		
A070405-28	G-Takeoffs, Launches, Landings, Slips(Sport Pilot)	1		
A070405-135	G-Takeoffs, Launches, Downwind Landings(ATP,	1		1
A070405-134	G-Takeoffs, Launches, Landings, Slips(ATP, Comm'l, Pvt)	1		1
SSF-Launch-Aero	G-Aero Tow Launch	1	1	1
SSF-Launch-Self	G-Self Launch Endorsement	1	1	2
SSF-Launch-Grnd	G-Ground Launch Endorsement	1	2	2
SSF-A-Badge	G-SSA A-Badge	1	2	2
SSF-Glider Advanced Aerotow(Basic)	G-Glider Advanced Aerotow WINGS Basic(Sport, Pvt,	2		
A070405-26	G-Slow Flight, Stall, Soaring, Steep Turns(Pvt, Comm'l)	2		
A070405-29	G-Slow Flight, Stall, Soaring, Steep Turns(Sport Pilot)	2		
SSF-B-Badge	G-SSA B-Badge	2	2	2
A100125-31	G-Ground and Takeoff Tasks(Pvt, Comm'l)	3		
A100125-34	G-Ground and Takeoff	3		
A100125-35	G-Air Work(Sport)	3		
A100125-32	G-Air Work(Pvt, Comm'l)	3		
SSF-Bronze Badge-Flight	Bronze Badge Flight Activities	3	2	2
SSF-Glider Advanced	G-Glider Advanced Handling	3	2	2
SSF-C-Badge	G-SSA-C-Badge	3	2	2
SSF-Tow-Pilot-Flight	ASEL-Glider Tow Pilot Flight	3	2	2

A070405-113	G-Takeoffs, Launches, Tow Positions, Landings(Sport Pilot)		1	
SSF-Forward Slips to Landing(Advanced WINGS)	G-Forward Slips to Landing Advanced Wings(Sport Pilot,		1	
SSF-Glider Advanced Aerotow(Advanced)	G-Glider Advance Aerotow WINGS		2	
SSF-Stall & Spin Awareness Training	G-Sailplane Stall & Spin Awareness Training Advanced		2	
A070405-114	G-Air Work, Minimum Sink Airspeed, Stall		2	
A070405-136	G-Air Work, Steep Turns, Stall Recognition(ATP, Comm'l, Pvt)		2	
A100126-02	G-Assembly, Air and Ground Tasks, Tow Release(Sport Pilot)		2	
A100126-05	G-Assembly, Towing, Securing(ATP, Comm'l, Pvt)		2	
A100126-03	G-Engine Operation, Taxing, Downwind Landing, Speed-to-		2	
A100126-07	G-Soaring, Glides, Headings, Off-Airport Landing(ATP,		2	
A100126-06	G-Starting, Taxing, Engine Shutdown in Flight, Speed-to-		2	
A100126-90	G-Air and Ground Tasks, Thermal			2
A070405-137	G-Air Work, Ridge and Slope Soaring, Steep Turns(ATP, Comm'l, Pvt, Sport Pilot)			2
A100126-89	G-Assembly, Air/Ground Tasks, Slack Line, Boxing, Release(ATP, Comm'l, Pvt)			2

§ 61.56 Flight review.

(a) Except as provided in [paragraphs \(b\)](#) and [\(f\)](#) of this section, a flight review consists of a minimum of 1 hour of flight training and 1 hour of ground training. The review must include:

(1) A review of the current general operating and flight rules of [part 91 of this chapter](#); and

(2) A review of those maneuvers and procedures that, at the discretion of the person giving the review, are necessary for the pilot to demonstrate the safe exercise of the privileges of the pilot certificate.

(b) Glider pilots may substitute a minimum of three instructional flights in a glider, each of which includes a flight to traffic pattern altitude, in lieu of the 1 hour of flight training required in [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section.

c) Except as provided in [paragraphs \(d\)](#), [\(e\)](#), and [\(g\)](#) of this section, no person may act as pilot in command of an aircraft unless, since the beginning of the 24th calendar month before the month in which that pilot acts as pilot in command, that person has—

(1) Accomplished a flight review given in an aircraft for which that pilot is rated by an authorized instructor and

(2) A logbook endorsed from an authorized instructor who gave the review certifying that the person has satisfactorily completed the review.

(d) A person who has, within the period specified in [paragraph \(c\)](#) of this section, passed any of the following need not accomplish the flight review required by this section:

(1) A pilot proficiency check or practical test conducted by an examiner, an approved pilot check airman, or a U.S. Armed Force, for a pilot certificate, rating, or operating privilege.

(2) A practical test conducted by an examiner for one of the following:

(i) The issuance of a flight instructor certificate,

(ii) An additional rating on a flight instructor certificate,

(iii) To meet the recent experience requirements for a flight instructor certificate in accordance with [§ 61.197\(b\)\(1\)](#); or

(iv) The reinstatement of flight instructor privileges in accordance with [§ 61.199\(b\)\(2\)](#).

e) A person who has, within the period specified in [paragraph \(c\)](#) of this section, satisfactorily accomplished one or more phases of an FAA-sponsored pilot proficiency program need not accomplish the flight review required by this section.