

44709 Preparation



Sec. 44709. Amendments, modifications, suspensions, and revocations of certificates

(a) Reinspection and Reexamination.-- The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may ... reexamine an airman holding a certificate issued under section 44703 of this title. Citation

A 44709 reexamination usually results from an accident, incident, or violation. It takes the form of a practical test with an FAA examiner. You will receive a letter from the FAA (LOI) describing the areas of interest to the FAA and which of your certificates are at risk. In a normal check ride, if your performance is unsatisfactory, you can take the ride again. If your performance on the 44709 ride is unsatisfactory, your certificate(s) can be revoked.

If your reexamination comes as the result of a violation or you have not been exceptionally friendly with the FAA, then the process will likely be a little more difficult. If you are reading this before your first interview, then you need to know that the inspector has the option to offer you remedial training in lieu of legal action. That means no 44709 check ride, no certificate action, and no civil (monetary) penalties, as long as you complete the training. The FAA's internal policies are quite clear: "The airman in the response must express an interest in pursuing a prescribed course of remedial education and must cooperate with the investigation." You always have the option to keep your mouth shut and hire an attorney. I can't give that legal advice, but I can tell you that Remedial Training is a better deal than a 44709 ride.

The 44709 ride is intended to confirm your competence to exercise the privileges of your pilot certificates. The check ride is conducted in accord with the current Practical Test Standards for the certificate you hold. If the triggering incident was related to flight instruction, you may be reexamined both as an Instructor and Commercial Pilot or ATP, as applies. The examiner has the authority to ask you to demonstrate any task i.e., "Demonstrate a Power-on Stall", or "Teach me to do a soft-field takeoff." You will be expected to perform to the standard in the current PTS. Pay particular attention to the stuff in the front of the book -- the Special Emphasis Areas.

The examiner has the right to require a complete check ride as described in the PTS. In our experience, you will not likely have to do every task. What the examiner asks you to do you should do well, however. It is a check ride, after all. Show up happy and confident, only a little nervous, and full of knowledge.

We advise our clients to adopt a positive attitude: This is your opportunity to show the examiner what you've learned in two or twenty years of flying. You are a good pilot or a great instructor. Show him or her.

What we offer

Best in Flight offers confidential flight instruction in preparation for a 44709 ride. Your 44709 is not a Private Pilot checkride.. We don't treat it like one. We carefully assess your needs and develop a syllabus for you. Then we go to work. Hard work.

Best in Flight offers Remedial Training as described in your agreement with the FAA. Whether the matter at issue is technology (I didn't know how altitude capture works.) or CRM (I didn't understand what he meant) we will help you fix the problem.

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