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# CFI Recent-Experience Checklist

Under the FAA's Dec 1, 2024 final rule, CFI certificates no longer expire. They carry a Recent Experience End Date (REED) instead. This one-page checklist walks you through what counts as recent experience under §61.197, what to bring to your DPE appointment, and what happens if you miss your REED.

## The 5 qualifying recent-experience methods

Pick **one**. The 24-month REED resets when any is completed:

- 1. FIRC graduation** — within the prior 3 calendar months (most common).
- 2. Graduate-of-students activity** — 5 students endorsed for practical tests in the prior 24 months at 80%+ first-attempt pass rate.
- 3. Examiner activity** — service as a DPE, ACR, FAA inspector, or chief instructor of an approved Part 141 school.
- 4. FAA inspector check** — instructor proficiency check by an FAA ASI in the prior 24 months.
- 5. WINGS-based** (new in 2024 rule) — WINGS Phase completion plus 15 flight activities evaluating at least 5 different pilots.

## What to bring to your DPE appointment

- Government-issued photo ID
- Current CFI certificate (front and back)
- Documentation of one §61.197 recent-experience method (FIRC certificate, activity log, WINGS phase record, etc.)
- Started IACRA 8710-1 application (FTN required)
- Quiet space with stable internet + webcam
- Daytona DPE Designee ID (provided in your intake email)

## If your REED has passed — the 3-month grace

Day after REED: instructional privileges suspended.

Months 1–3 after REED: complete an approved FIRC, then do the administrative 8710-1 with a DPE. Privileges resume the moment the temporary certificate is issued.

After month 3: §61.199 reinstatement practical test required (in-person, ACS).

## What didn't change

- The 24-month interval.
- The DPE-validated 8710-1 requirement (you cannot self-file).
- The 3-month FIRC grace window.
- The §61.199 practical-test fallback after grace closes.



## Citations

- 89 FR 79968 — Final rule, Oct 1, 2024. Phase 1 effective Dec 1, 2024.
- 14 CFR §61.19 — duration of pilot and instructor certificates.
- 14 CFR §61.197 — flight instructor recent experience.
- 14 CFR §61.199 — expired certificates and ratings (reinstatement).
- FAA Form 8710-1 (Dec 2024 revision).

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