

## HOW TO BECOME A CAP PILOT

AFTER you, a new member pilot, have completed Level 1 and CPPT, have a CAP ID card and a CAP approved flying uniform, the following steps should be taken to become qualified as a CAP pilot:

- 1. Obtain a current (Nov 01) copy of CAPR 60-1. Study it and become very familiar with it.** ([CAPR 60-1](#) can be ordered from the CAP Bookstore. It may also be downloaded from the NHQ web site or the [Kentucky Wing Forms and Publications page](#). (You will be expected to have a copy of CAPR 60-1 and the KYWG Supplement with you on the day of your check ride.) If you do not have [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#), download it and install it on your computer. You will need this to read and print CAPR 60-1. Take the [Form 5 written test](#) online at the CAP National web site and print out a completion certificate. **(Also download a copy of the Kentucky Wing Supplement to CAPR 60-1 from the Wing Ops web site and become familiar with them. In addition, you will need a [Form 5](#) with the identification data completed).** These are available on the [Kentucky Wing Forms and Publications page](#).
  - 2. Be intimately familiar with the aircraft (C-172, C-182 or MXT) that you will use for the check ride.** This includes systems, emergency procedures, weight & balance, flight release, etc. Also, familiarize yourself with the CAP Aircraft Information File that is kept in the plane. CAP corporate planes are used for 99% of our flying.
  - 3. At the minimum, you MUST fly to the level of the FAA Private Pilot Practical Test Standards. If necessary, put in enough flight time with a CFI until you become proficient in ALL of the requirements of the PTS.** (There may be some of the tasks that a pilot hasn't done for a while and is probably rusty on. If you are not familiar with what the PTS requires, a copy may be purchased from any pilot shop for about \$5.00)
  - 4. Follow the procedures listed in CAPR 60-1, Attachment 5, Paragraph 1(all), 2a and the Kentucky Wing Supplement to CAPR 60-1 PRIOR to scheduling the check ride.**
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## ADDITIONAL STEPS FOR PROSPECTIVE CADET ORIENTATION PILOTS

- 1. Obtain a current (1 Oct 01) copy of [CAP Pamphlet 52-7](#) (Cadet Orientation Flight Syllabus) and become very familiar with it.** You will be quizzed on it during your check ride. This can be obtained from the CAP Bookstore or online from the National web site. Orientation Flights are a learning experience for the Cadets, NOT just boring holes in the sky.
  - 2. Take the online [Cadet Orientation Pilot Quiz Powered – with ROTC](#) exam on the NHQ web site and print out a completion certificate.** Give this to the Check Pilot on the day of your ride.
  - 3. Advise your check pilot** when you schedule with him or her that you would like to become an O-ride pilot. They will then tailor your ride accordingly. Along with a **high level of proficiency**, we are also looking for knowledge of the Cadet Flight Syllabus and smoothness in your control of the aircraft. Many Cadets are flying for the first time and it MUST be a positive experience for them.
  - 4. When you have successfully completed your Form 5 check ride and the Check Pilot has certified you to fly O-rides, obtain and fill out a current [Kentucky Wing Form 11](#).** This form goes to your Unit Commander and then to Kentucky Wing. **IMPORTANT: also send copies of the items listed on the bottom of the KYWG Form 11. Obsolete forms or incomplete submissions WILL NOT be processed.**
  - 5. Once the KY Wing DOV and the Wing Commander sign the Form 11, it will be returned to you. When you receive the signed Form 11 (but not before), you can fly cadets. You will be placed on Wing Orders at a later date. Remember, being an O-ride pilot is a privilege that is not granted to everybody. We take the safety of our Cadets VERY seriously.**
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CAP Check Pilots and Instructor Pilots can and will assist you during your prep for the check ride. Keep in mind, that on the day of the ride, your Check Pilot is there ONLY to evaluate, NOT to instruct. Review the FAA PTS in advance, be prepared and proficient on the day of your ride and all should go well. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

## REMEMBER, FLIGHT SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT!!!!

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## **KYWG CAP FORM 5 CHECKLIST**

### **PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

1. Wear an [appropriate CAP flight uniform](#).
2. View-Limiting Device. (Hood, Foggles, etc.)
3. Current Aeronautical Charts.
4. Computer and Plotter.
5. Flight Plan Form. [Available on the Crew/Cockpit Resource Management page](#).
6. Flight Logs. [Available on the Crew/Cockpit Resource Management page](#)
7. Current AIM, Airport Facilities Directory.
8. Current personal copy of [CAP Regulation 60-1](#), and the [Kentucky Wing Supplement](#).
9. [Current copy of the Cadet Orientation Flight Syllabus](#) CAPP 52-7  
(optional for cadet O-Ride applicants).

### **PERSONAL RECORDS**

1. Valid Identification – Photo/Signature ID and current CAP ID Card, including **3** copies.
2. Valid FAA pilot certificate and current FAA medical certificate, including **3** copies.
3. A [CAPF 5](#) with completed identifying information, including **3** copies.
4. [Completed and graded CAPR 60-1 Form 5 Annual Examination, or online graduation certificate](#).
5. Pilot Logbook or equivalent, with appropriate [Flight Review](#) endorsements and proof of passenger carrying currency.
6. For an annual standardization flight evaluation, complete an [airplane questionnaire](#) for **ALL** aircraft the CAP pilot is authorized to fly. Other evaluations require a completed aircraft questionnaire for the aircraft used during the flight evaluation.
7. [Statement of understanding](#), if not already on file.
8. Obtain the flight release information for the flight check, from a [designated flight release officer](#).

**Once the check pilot indicates that the flight check has begun,  
a completed CAPF 5 is required.**