

## **What do I need to know Before you solo?**

Many students are eager to solo. Soloing for the first time is something you will probably remember for the rest of your life. It is something that you want to be able to look back on with pride and a smile. Believe it or not, there are regulations that must be followed and skills you should be familiar with before your first solo.

As a student, you are dependent on your instructor to lead you in the right direction. However, as a student pilot, knowing the rules and what is required of you is also your responsibility. We want you to be well informed, no matter where you learn to fly.

The solo requirements for student pilots, at a Part 61 school, are located in the FAR (Federal Aviation Regulations) Part 61.87 and include the following\*:

1. Pre-Solo Knowledge Exam - At Coyote Flight Centers, we require you have passed your FAA Knowledge Exam as well.
2. Pre-Solo Flight Training in the make and model of the aircraft you will be flying - You must have received, logged and demonstrated satisfactory proficiency and safety on the maneuvers and procedures required in this section.
3. Pre-Solo Maneuvers and Procedures - This includes but, is not limited, to the following:

- Pre-Flight inspections
- Crosswind Takeoff and Landings
- Radio Communication Skills
- Nearby Airport Procedures
- Slow Flight and Stalls
- Emergency and Go-Around Procedures

\* Please note, the FAR is subject to change. Refer to the appropriate section of the latest FAR for completed and updated information.

Not every student will be able to demonstrate the necessary skills at the same time. As it is with getting your license, being able to solo is skill based. Some skills may be easier to pick up on than others and will vary from person to person.

You may not feel ready even though your instructor believes you are. That is normal. However, if you believe you have not covered the appropriate material, speak up and address this concern with your instructor.