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The Private Oral Exam Guide is designed to help prepare student pilots for the oral exam portion of their checkride with FAA examiners. Using a question-and-answer format, this indispensable tool lists the questions most likely to be asked by examiners and provides succinct, ready responses. Instructors rate the oral exam guide series as excellent resources for students in both planning for what to expect during the airplane checkride, and mastering the subject matter. This guide is also great preparation for flight reviews, aircraft transitions, and as general refresher material.

This eleventh edition has been updated to comply with the Airman Certification Standards (ACS) and recent FAA publications, rules and procedures. All the subjects a Private Pilot candidate will be tested on during checkrides and review flights are covered. Chapters are dedicated to certificates and documents, weather, determining performance and limitations, airplane systems, cross-country flight planning, night operations, aeromedical factors, and SBT (Scenario-Based Training.) Scenario-based questions have become an integral part of the Practical Test and an important tool in an examiner's toolbox. Student responses to these "open-ended" questions demonstrate an understanding of the big picture and convey the practical application of what's important and why. Noted SBT expert, Arlynn McMahon (2009 National Flight Instructor of the Year, and recipient of the 2010 NATA Award for Excellence in Pilot Training Award), provides insight into these scenario-based questions and will be invaluable to students preparing for their checkride.

Questions, answers, and explanations in this guide were researched using FAA documents (identified so readers know where to go for further study) as well as through interviews with FAA examiners. References for further study are provided throughout the book, and additional study questions conclude each chapter.

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torque says

Good refresher I guess. However, I would rely too much on only this book. Make sure you go over relevant FAA materials to get the info from the horse's mouth and up to date.

Leah Hanley says

Excellent study guide. Highly recommended for a thorough review before any check ride, but of course it's especially helpful for private prep.

Kiri says

I found this book to be a great source in preparing for my private pilot checkride. The questions are more open-ended than the multiple-choice questions used in the knowledge exam, so it's a better practice for what you'll actually get during the oral part of the checkride. I also liked that each chapter includes "Additional Study Questions" which don't have the answers included - an inspiration to dig deeper. The content of this book also inspired some interesting in-depth discussions with my instructor during prep for the checkride. Finally, the book concludes with some "Scenario-Based Training" questions which aim to emulate real situations and allow you to practice (and demonstrate) judgment. They are not easy, but they are important exercises to get you thinking about how you'd handle real events with competing goals.

Zach says

This book is a must read for a pilot getting ready for the oral exam! Study it hard, good luck!
