

Logging Time on ELITE Aviation Training Devices

Maximum FAA credits allowed for BATD:

- 2.5 hours toward Private Rating
- 10 hours toward Instrument Rating
- Recency of Flight Experience for Instrument (*see requirements)

Maximum FAA credits allowed for AATD (part 61):

- 2.5 hours toward Private Rating
- 20 hours toward Instrument Rating
- 50 hours toward Commercial Pilot Certificate
- 25 hours toward Airline Transport Pilot Certificate
- Instrument Rating Practical Test (circling-to-land not authorized)
- IPC, Instrument Proficiency Check (circling-to-land not authorized)
- Recency of Flight Experience for Instrument (*see requirements)
- Commercial Practical Test
- Airline Transport Pilot Practical Test

FAQs

Does the time spent in an AATD count toward Total Time?

No, AATD time does not count toward total flight time or “total duration,” or for category and class in your logbook (such as ASEL, AMEL). A column should be added for ATD in your logbook to record the time under.

*Note: You should write if the ATD time is being logged toward a particular Certificate, Rating, or for currency. You should also record number of “Approaches Flown” and add to your “Simulated Instrument” column as appropriate.

Can you log the time on the trainer as dual received?

Yes, but do not log it as PIC or dual given (for CFI/I)

Does an instructor need to be present when using the trainer for Recency of Flight Experience such as maintaining instrument experience.

No. See 14 CFR Part 61 revision July 27, 2018.

Please contact your local FSDO or DPE for clarification on ATD use if you have any other questions or check the Federal Register for updates.

References:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/27/2018-12800/regulatory-relief-aviation-training-devices-pilot-certification-training-and-pilot-schools-and-other>