

Sample Checkride Scenarios

For full criteria and performance standards refer to Practical Test Standards (PTS)

Private

Event	Criteria
Rope break (yes, it could be on the first takeoff!)	
Downwind landing	Airspeed ± 5 kts
X-wind Takeoff	
Boxing the wake	
Slack line (naturally occurring or DPE induced)	applies immediate, positive, and smooth corrective action
Tow release	Clear before releasing, confirms before turning
Flight at minimum controllable airspeed	
Turns to headings	
Stalls	
Steep turns	45° bank
Accuracy landing/ Normal/XW landing	Within a 200' designated stopping area. Speed +10/-5 kts
After landing and securing	Post flight inspection and checklist

Commercial

Event	Criteria
Abnormal Occurrences (Rope break, etc)	
Downwind landing	Approach speed ± 5 kts, smooth braking
X-wind Takeoff	
Boxing the wake	
Slack line (naturally occurring or DPE induced)	applies immediate, positive, and smooth corrective action
Tow release	Clear before releasing, confirms before turning
Stalls, straight ahead and turning	Complete by 1500 AGL, bank $15^\circ \pm 5^\circ$
Flight at minimum controllable airspeed	Heading 10° , bank angle 5° ,
Turns to headings	
Steep turns 45° bank 720° turns	
Simulated off-field landing with no altimeter	
Approach with Forward slip with no drag devices	smooth, proper, and positive control applications
Accuracy landing	Within a 100' designated stopping area Combine with slip and no altimeter approach to save tows!

