

CHECKLIST FOR INTERVIEWING YOUR NEXT FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

- What is your philosophy of safety and risk management? What are your safety rules for instructional flight?
- What are the performance expectations or completion standards you'll use to train and evaluate me?
- How would you go about creating a syllabus to help me achieve my goal?
- How many similar syllabi have you taught? What was the success rate of your customers?
- What texts, Web sites, DVDs, etc., do you recommend I read or review to help me prepare for each lesson?
- How much classroom, pre-flight and post-flight briefing time should I expect for each lesson?
- What do you do to remain current as a pilot and an instructor? What training have you received in the past year?
- What professional training have you received that makes you a better teacher?
- How much experience do you have in the type of airplane we'll fly?
- Who are some of your former students whom I may contact for a reference?

An instructor who isn't stumped by one or more of these questions, but who provides thoughtful, customer-focused answers that satisfy your needs, is a keeper.

