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The new “Restricted” ATP (R-ATP) will allow a pilot to serve as a SIC only in part 121 operations. To qualify for a R-ATP a pilot must meet one of the following criteria:

Background	Flight Experience
Military and 21 years old	750 TT, 200XC
Aviation Bachelor’s Degree, part 141, 21 years old	1000 TT, 200XC
Aviation Associate’s Degree, part 141, 21 years old	1250 TT, 200XC
Only being 21 years old	1500 TT, 200XC

An aviation degree is defined as majoring in an aviation related degree. The minimum semester credit hours for a bachelor’s degree are 60 while it is 30 for an associate’s degree. In both cases, the pilot must earn their instrument rating and commercial certificate with an affiliated part 141 training center. Any aviation related degree would have to comply with *AC 61-School*. Institutions will need to apply for their graduates to be recognized as meeting that prescribed minima.

Pilots must also meet the rest of the requirements for a regular ATP as outlined in 61.159 (Night, PIC, Instrument, etc.)

Remember, XC time is defined as point-to-point (traveling greater than 50nm with or without a landing) for the purposes of meeting any ATP flight experience.

The new ATP Certification Training Program (ATP CTP) is an added step to the ATP certification process. It encompasses full flight simulator (Level C) time as well as classroom instruction. It is not a requirement for airlines to provide this training, only that a pilot has completed this training (similar to a type rating). After July 31st, 2014 a pilot will need to complete the ATP CTP prior to taking the knowledge test. In addition, prior to taking the practical test a pilot must have 50 ME. Up to 25 ME hours may be credited from a flight simulator certificated in a program under parts 121, 135, 141, or 142.

To act as a PIC in part 121 operations a pilot must have at least 1000 hours as PIC and/or SIC in part 121 operations after July 15th, 2013.