Logbook checklist before an airline interview

Tick each line against your logbook. The reasons and the rule text: offchocks.com/guides/pilot-logbook-audit-before-airline-interview

`Hours on your application _____  Book total _____  Checked on _____`

Totals

- [ ] Every column re-added from page one, or from the last total you have proved.
- [ ] Each page's totals forwarded equal the previous page's totals to date, and a new book opens with the old book's closing totals.
- [ ] On every line, night, instrument and cross-country time are no more than total time.
- [ ] Single-engine plus multi-engine time equals your aeroplane time.
- [ ] The hours on your application match the book, and you can explain any difference in one sentence.

Signatures and endorsements

- [ ] FAA: each training entry endorsed by the instructor with the lesson, its length, signature, certificate number and expiry or RE date (14 CFR 61.51(h)(2)).
- [ ] FAA: device instrument time toward a certificate or rating signed by the instructor who watched it (61.51(g)(4)), and each flight review endorsed (61.56(c)(2)).
- [ ] EASA: SPIC and PICUS entries countersigned in Remarks by the PIC or instructor, and each completed page certified by you (AMC1 FCL.050).
- [ ] CASA: a printed copy of an app logbook with every page certified as a true copy (CASR 61.365(3)).
- [ ] The signed paper books packed with the printout. A typed copy carries none of their signatures.

Seat and role time

- [ ] SIC or co-pilot time logged only where the type certificate or the operating rules need two pilots (14 CFR 61.51(f); CASR 61.085).
- [ ] Relief time logged as co-pilot or SIC time, never as PIC or PICUS, with the basis in Remarks ("CRCP" under EASA, AMC1 FCL.050).
- [ ] ICUS or PICUS logged only with a licence, every PIC duty performed and an authorised supervisor; a training flight is dual (CASR 61.095).
- [ ] Instructor time in its own column (AMC1 FCL.050; CASR 61.345(3)(g)).

Simulator time

- [ ] Simulator sessions kept out of total flight time, in their own column.
- [ ] Device credit inside the limits: FAA ATP 100 h of the 1,500 (61.159(a)(6)); EASA ATPL(A) 100 h, at most 25 in an FNPT (FCL.510.A(b)); CASA ATPL no more than 25 h in a device other than a flight simulator (61.705(3)).

Night and instrument

- [ ] Night counted from civil twilight, not from sunset to sunrise (14 CFR 1.1; FCL.010; CASR Dictionary).
- [ ] Instrument time and IFR time kept apart, and each form answered with the figure it asks for.
- [ ] Each approach logged with its type, and its location for FAA recency (14 CFR 61.51(g)(3); CASR 61.345(3)(k)).

Paper and digital records

- [ ] Balance forward dated the day before the first flight you enter on its own, with no flight on both sides of that date.
- [ ] No unexplained months between the last paper page and the first app entry.
- [ ] Decimal totals converted right: 1:30 is 1.5 hours, and 1,234.5 hours is 1,234:30.
- [ ] Imports checked for duplicate flights.
- [ ] Corrections visible and dated, with the original entry kept (CASR 61.355(2)).

A summary to help you check your own records, not legal advice. Each employer sets its own process, so read its instructions. Rule references checked against the eCFR, the EASA Easy Access Rules for Aircrew and the CASR compilation in October 2026.