

U.S. FOREST SERVICE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIRING

GS-9 -VFR Day - PIC for light multi-engine and single engine aircraft, Co-pilot for all aircraft, Considered to be primarily a Co-pilot

Commercial, Instrument, Single and Multi-engine Land
Second Class Medical Certificate

Total Time 1,200
PIC 250
Multi-engine 500
IFR & Night 100
Last 12 Mo. 100

GS-11 -Limited IFR - PIC for multi-engine under 12,500# GTOW and single engine aircraft, Co-pilot for all aircraft.

Same ratings as GS-9

Total Time 1,500
PIC 250
Multi-engine 500
IFR & Night 150
Last 12 Mo. 100

GS-12 -Fully qualified PIC with special mission endorsements. Requires one year of fire experience at the next lower grade level prior to being considered qualified for special missions with mission specific training required.

Same ratings as GS-9 & 11 with the exception:
ATP with appropriate Type-ratings for aircraft over 12,500# GTOW and First Class medical certificate.
May require Multi-engine, Instrument Instructor rating for specific positions.

Same minimum flight time requirements as GS-11

Helicopter Pilot Inspectors are usually hired at the GS-12 level and require a minimum of 1500 hours helicopter pilot in command time.