

SkyWest Initial New Hire Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. What is the abbreviation for Forward Flight Attendant?**
 - A. FWD**
 - B. FWD FA**
 - C. FAA**
 - D. FAR**

- 2. Which term describes a device used or intended to be used for flight in the air?**
 - A. Satellite**
 - B. Submarine**
 - C. Aircraft**
 - D. Car**

- 3. Which acronym stands for Delta Connection?**
 - A. DLC**
 - B. DOT**
 - C. DGHM**
 - D. EMK**

- 4. Which of the following is true about UMNR in airline systems?**
 - A. It is never used for international flights**
 - B. It is the code for a minor traveling with a guardian**
 - C. It is the code for a minor traveling alone**
 - D. It is the code for a blocked seat for family travel**

- 5. IOE stands for which term?**
 - A. Initial Operational Epoch**
 - B. Initial Operation Experience**
 - C. Immediate Onboard Exchange**
 - D. In-Office Evaluation**

- 6. What term refers to the rear portion of the aircraft?**
 - A. FORE**
 - B. AFT**
 - C. NOSE**
 - D. TAIL**

7. Portable Oxygen Bottle abbreviation?

- A. POB**
- B. PBE**
- C. POC**
- D. POS**

8. What does the abbreviation COJ stand for?

- A. Canadair Regional Jet**
- B. Crew Resource Management**
- C. Alaska Airlines Operated by SkyWest Airlines**
- D. Cabin Observer Jumpseat**

9. Which term describes a flight that moves an aircraft from one station to another without carrying passengers?

- A. Direct Flight**
- B. Ferry Flight**
- C. Deadheading**
- D. Flight**

10. AFT describes which directional term in an aircraft?

- A. Forward**
- B. Rearward**
- C. Below**
- D. Aft**

Answers

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1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. B
10. B

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Explanations

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1. What is the abbreviation for Forward Flight Attendant?

- A. FWD
- B. FWD FA**
- C. FAA
- D. FAR

Abbreviations in crew communications combine where someone works with what they do. For a Forward Flight Attendant, you want something that shows both the location and the job. The correct form is FWD FA because FWD stands for forward and FA stands for flight attendant, so together they identify the specific crew member in the forward cabin. The other options don't fit because FWD alone doesn't indicate the role, and FAA or FAR refer to regulatory bodies and rules, not to a crew position.

2. Which term describes a device used or intended to be used for flight in the air?

- A. Satellite
- B. Submarine
- C. Aircraft**
- D. Car

Aircraft is the term for any device used or intended to fly in the air. This includes airplanes, helicopters, balloons, gliders, and similar craft designed to operate within Earth's atmosphere. A satellite moves through space and is not used for flight in the air, a submarine operates underwater, and a car travels on roads. So, aircraft best fits the description.

3. Which acronym stands for Delta Connection?

- A. DLC**
- B. DOT
- C. DGHM
- D. EMK

Delta connection is a three-phase winding arrangement where the windings are linked end-to-end to form a closed loop, creating a triangular network. In the course materials used for this exam, this configuration is abbreviated as DLC, so DLC directly stands for the Delta Connection. The other acronyms don't correspond to this concept—DOT is typically Department of Transportation, and the others aren't standard labels for Delta Connection. Remembering that Delta means a closed-loop winding arrangement helps you recognize why the DLC shorthand is used here.

4. Which of the following is true about UMNR in airline systems?

- A. It is never used for international flights**
- B. It is the code for a minor traveling with a guardian**
- C. It is the code for a minor traveling alone**
- D. It is the code for a blocked seat for family travel**

UMNR stands for Unaccompanied Minor. In airline systems, this tag identifies a child traveling without a guardian and signals staff to provide supervised handling from check-in through arrival. That means the child will be escorted and monitored by airline personnel as needed, with specific procedures for handoff to an authorized adult at the destination. This is why the statement that UMNR is the code for a minor traveling alone is the correct one. It isn't used for a minor traveling with a guardian, nor is it simply a code for a blocked seat for family travel. While policies may vary for international flights, the essential meaning is unaccompanied minor.

5. IOE stands for which term?

- A. Initial Operational Epoch**
- B. Initial Operation Experience**
- C. Immediate Onboard Exchange**
- D. In-Office Evaluation**

IOE stands for Initial Operation Experience—the first hands-on period in airline operations after classroom and simulator training. This phase puts you into real flight work under supervision, where you apply procedures, communicate with dispatch and ATC, and handle normal and abnormal situations in a live environment. The word “Initial” marks it as the starting, formative experience; “Operation” shows that it's actual flight operations, not a purely classroom activity; and “Experience” highlights that you're learning by doing. Other options don't fit because epoch isn't the common aviation term for this training phase, Immediate Onboard Exchange isn't a standard term, and In-Office Evaluation would imply a non-flight, office-only assessment.

6. What term refers to the rear portion of the aircraft?

- A. FORE**
- B. AFT**
- C. NOSE**
- D. TAIL**

Aft describes the rearward portion of an aircraft. It's the directional term used to indicate anything toward the back, opposite of fore which points toward the front. The nose refers to the forward-most part, and the tail is a specific rear structure. So when talking about the rear area in general, aft is the correct term to use.

7. Portable Oxygen Bottle abbreviation?

- A. POB**
- B. PBE**
- C. POC**
- D. POS**

In aviation, different oxygen devices have specific abbreviations, and you'll see POB used for a portable oxygen option that a person can carry. A portable oxygen bottle is a small, pressurized cylinder with a regulator and a mask or cannula, designed for immediate personal oxygen without using the aircraft's fixed oxygen system. The abbreviation POB directly stands for Portable Oxygen Bottle, making it the clear fit for this item. By comparison, PBE refers to protective breathing equipment used for smoke or chemical protection, not a bottle you carry. POC stands for Portable Oxygen Concentrator, which is a device that extracts oxygen from the surrounding air rather than a sealed bottle. POS isn't the standard term used for this equipment. So the portable oxygen bottle is best identified by POB.

8. What does the abbreviation COJ stand for?

- A. Canadair Regional Jet**
- B. Crew Resource Management**
- C. Alaska Airlines Operated by SkyWest Airlines**
- D. Cabin Observer Jumpseat**

COJ is a cabin designation for a specific seat used by an observer. In airline terminology, the Cabin Observer Jumpseat refers to a seat in the cabin reserved for an observer to monitor or supervise cabin operations, often used for training, audits, or crew observation. This makes it the correct expansion because the other options refer to an aircraft type (Canadair Regional Jet), a safety training concept (Crew Resource Management), or an operating arrangement (Alaska Airlines operated by SkyWest), none of which match the meaning of this acronym.

9. Which term describes a flight that moves an aircraft from one station to another without carrying passengers?

- A. Direct Flight**
- B. Ferry Flight**
- C. Deadheading**
- D. Flight**

Moving an airplane from one base to another without carrying revenue passengers is called a ferry flight. This term is used to describe the aircraft itself being relocated for reasons like maintenance, a new schedule, or repositioning to a different station, without passengers on board. Deadheading, by contrast, refers to crew repositioning—crewmembers traveling as passengers to reach a different duty station while the aircraft is operated by another crew. Direct flight describes a routing term, often implying a flight from origin to destination with a single continuous service, and it doesn't specify that there are no passengers. A general flight is simply any airborne transport and doesn't convey the idea of relocating an aircraft without passengers.

10. AFT describes which directional term in an aircraft?

A. Forward

B. Rearward

C. Below

D. Aft

AFT denotes the rearward direction, toward the tail of the aircraft. It runs along the airplane's length from nose to tail, so when something is described as aft, it's located toward the back. Forward is toward the nose, below is downward, and using AFT to describe itself would be circular.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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