

NIGHT REGULATIONS SUMMARY

1. Sunset to sunrise:

- Your position lights must be on (and anti-collision lights if you have them).
(FAR 91.209)
- Special VFR only if pilot and airplane are IFR current and qualified.
(FAR 91.157)

2. The end of evening civil twilight to the beginning of morning civil twilight:

- You can log night flight time.
- Aircraft needs to be night-equipped.
(FAR 1.1)

3. One hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise:

- You need three takeoffs and landings to a full stop in the same category and class within the last 90 days to meet night currency for carrying passengers.
(FAR 61.57(b))

For a flight at night, the required fuel reserve increases from 30 to 45 minutes. It is unclear which definition of night is used for this. I recommend always having a 60-minute fuel reserve.
(FAR 91.151(a)(2))

<i>Position & anticollision lights on</i>	<i>Sunset to sunrise</i>
<i>Logging night flight time</i>	<i>End of evening twilight to the beginning of morning twilight</i>
<i>Night takeoff & landing</i>	<i>1 hr. after sunset to 1 hr. before sunrise</i>

Tool:

[Sunset/Sunrise/Twilight Calculator](#)