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3. **INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED.** The Principal Ground Instructor of each approved course is responsible for full compliance with the pertinent approved curriculum. He may delegate the presentation of audio-visual portions to a certificated ground or flight instructor, but remains responsible for the adequacy of the instruction given.
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