

STABILIZED APPROACH

For general aviation, an approach can be considered stabilized if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The aircraft is on the correct flight path.
2. Only small changes in heading or pitch are required to maintain the correct flight path.
3. The aircraft speed is not more than the desired approach speed (VREF) +10 knots indicated airspeed and not less than VREF.
4. The aircraft is in the correct landing configuration.
5. Rate of descent is no greater than 500 feet per minute; if a descent rate greater than 500 feet per minute is required due to approach considerations, special attention must be paid.
6. Power setting is appropriate for the aircraft configuration.
7. All briefings and checklists have been accomplished.
8. If the approach becomes unstabilized below the stabilization altitude, an immediate go-around or missed approach must be initiated.

NOTE FOR #3 ABOVE: For airplanes with a recommended approach speed less than 90 knots, this rule should be not more than VREF +5 knots and not less than VREF.

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