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To obtain a Commercial Multi-Engine Rating from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which allows you to operate aircraft with more than one engine, follow these steps:

1. Prerequisites:

- Pilot Certificate: Hold at least a Commercial Pilot Certificate.
- Medical Certificate: Possess a current Second Class or First Class FAA medical certificate.

2. Training:

- Ground Instruction: Receive training covering multi-engine aerodynamics, systems, performance, and emergency procedures.
- Flight Instruction: While the FAA doesn't mandate a minimum number of flight hours for the multi-engine rating, most pilots require between 5 to 15 hours of dual instruction to achieve proficiency.

3. Endorsements:

- Obtain endorsements from an authorized instructor confirming you've received the necessary ground and flight training and are prepared for the practical test.

4. Practical Test (Checkride):

- Oral Examination: Demonstrate knowledge of multi-engine operations, systems, and emergency procedures.
- Flight Test: Perform maneuvers and procedures to the Commercial Pilot Standards, including engine-out operations, to showcase your proficiency in a multi-engine aircraft.

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Additional Considerations:

- Instrument Rating: If you plan to fly multi-engine aircraft under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), it's advisable to obtain an instrument rating beforehand. This allows you to demonstrate instrument proficiency during your multi-engine checkride, extending your instrument privileges to multi-engine aircraft.