

Private Pilot Certificate

Students must be at least 17 years of age and able to read, speak write and understand the English language. If not a US citizen, the student must be approved through the Transportation Security Authority (TSA) prior to beginning flight training.

Ground School

The college level course is designed to prepare you to pass the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test, and to introduce you to the myriad of subjects associated with Aviation. The course includes Airplane systems, Aerodynamics, Airport layout, signs and operations, Communication, Weather, Regulations, Publications, Charts, Visual Navigation, Electronic Navigation, Flight Planning, Physiology and much more.

Cost of the Course is approx \$520, which includes books & materials.

Private Pilot Knowledge Test

Student pilots must receive a logbook endorsement from a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) or FAA certified Ground Instructor to take the Private Pilot Knowledge Test. This written test includes 60 multiple choice questions. A minimum score of 70% is required to pass the test. Once the student passes the test, he/she has 2 years to complete the remainder of the training and pass an FAA check ride.

Cost \$150 (\$10 off if an AOPA member)

Flight Training

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires a minimum of 40 hours of flight training, to include a minimum of 20 hours of instruction with a CFI and a minimum of 10 hours of solo flight. (Note: 'dual' flights are training flights with a CFI)

Training must include at least:

- 3 hours of cross-country flight training (dual)
- 3 hours of night flight training (dual)
- One cross-country flight over 100 nautical miles total distance
- 3 hours of flight training solely by reference to instruments (dual)
- 3 hours of flight training in preparation for the practical test
- 5 hours of solo cross country time
- One solo cross-country of at least 150 nautical miles distance
- 3 takeoffs and 3 landings to a full stop at a controlled airport

Consult Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) part 61 for detailed requirements.

Costs vary and are dependent upon the student. Estimated total cost - \$6500-\$7000.

Practical Test

The final stage of flight training focuses on preparing the Student Pilots for the Practical Test, also known as the check-ride. All maneuvers are performed to the Practical Test Standards (PTS). Current PTS guides are available at the Aero Club. An Oral Exam is part of the Practical Test and usually takes 2 to 3 hours to complete. Oral Test Guides are also available at the Aero Club. The Practical Test is administered by an FAA Certified Examiner.

Cost is \$400-\$450, plus the cost of using the plane for the check-ride.

Flight Physical

Student Pilots must pass a flight physical examination administered by an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). To find an AME in your area, go to www.faa.gov and follow the links. A medical certificate must be issued prior to solo flight.

Cost varies, usually \$100 to \$150

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- ❖ This information briefly outlines the requirements and expense associated with Private Pilot flight training. Consult Federal Aviation Regulation Part 61 for more detailed information.
- ❖ Prices are subject to change without notice.