



Private Pilot Training

If you are interested in becoming a licensed pilot, the first step is to obtain your private pilot's license. The FAA requires that you have logged 40 hours of flight time before you are eligible to take the Practical Test, or check ride. Here is a list of other requirements for the Private Pilot License.

FAR 61.103 Eligibility requirements:

Must be 17 years old, speak, read, write and understand the English language.

Receive a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who:

1. Conducted the training or reviewed the person's home study on the aeronautical knowledge areas
2. Certified that the person is prepared for the required knowledge test.
Pass the required knowledge test on the aeronautical knowledge areas listed in 61.105 (b)
3. Receive flight training and logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who conducted training in the following areas:
 - 5 hours cross country flight training
 - 3 hours night flight training – 1 cross country flight of over 100 nautical miles total distance & 10 takeoffs and landings to a full stop (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport.
 - 3 hours flight training solely by reference to instruments
 - 3 hours of flight training with an authorized instructor in a single engine airplane in preparation for the practical test, this must have been performed within the proceeding 2 calendar months from the month of the test.
 - 10 hour of solo flight time including:
 - 5 hours solo cross country time
 - One solo cross country flight of 150 nautical miles total distance with full stop landings at three points, and one segment of the flight consisting of a straight line distance of more than 50 nautical miles between takeoff and landing locations
 - 10 takeoffs and 10 landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower.

General Costs for budgeting purposes:

Airplane Rental	Cessna 172	\$ 125.00/hour	40 hours	\$ 5000.00	
Flight Instruction		\$ 60.00/hour	30 hours	\$ 1800.00	
Airplane					
Ground Instruction		\$ 60.00/hour	20 hours	\$ 1200.00	
FAA Written Test	CATS testing	\$ 150.00/test	1	\$ 150.00	
Books and Supplies	Varies	\$100.00 - \$500.00	varies	\$ 100.00	Total: \$8250.00