



SIX BASIC STEPS TO EARNING YOUR PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE

- Prepare for and pass the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test
- Obtain at least a 3rd Class Medical Certificate
- Obtain a Student Pilot Certificate
- Select a flight instructor or flight school
- Complete the required flight training
- Pass a FAA practical test (check ride)

FAA REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE

- Be at least 17 years old when completing your training (at least 16 years old to solo)
- Must read, write, speak, and understand English
- Obtain at least a 3rd-Class medical certificate
- Obtain a Student Pilot Certificate
- Pass the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test with a score of 70% or better
- Complete the required flight training
 - Minimum of 40 hours, including minimum of 10 hours solo time (Part 61)
- Successfully complete a practical flight test (check ride)

PRIVATE PILOT AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE (for ASEL rating)

- Minimum of 40 hours of flight time as a pilot that consists of at least:
 - 20 hours flight training from an authorized instructor
 - 10 hours solo flight training
- Dual and solo flight training must include at least:
 - 3 hours cross country flight training
 - 3 hours night flight training (except as provided in 61.110) that includes:
 - One cross country flight over 100 nautical miles total distance
 - 10 take-offs and 10 landings to a full stop at an airport
- 3 hours flight training controlling airplane solely by instruments that includes:
 - Straight and level flight
 - Constant airspeed climbs and descents
 - Turns to a heading
 - Recovery from unusual flight attitudes
 - Radio communications
 - Use of navigation equipment
- 3 hours flight training with an authorized instructor within 2 calendar months of the practical test
- 10 hours solo flight time that includes:
 - 5 hours solo cross country time
 - One solo cross country flight of 150 nautical miles landing at three points
 - 3 take-offs and landings to a full stop at an airport with a control tower

ESTIMATED COSTS TO OBTAIN A PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE (minimum)

Medical Exam	\$ 200
Ground School Materials (books and supplies)	350
Knowledge Test fee	200
Dual Instruction (minimum of 30 hours, plane and instructor)	6,000
Solo flight (minimum 10 hours, plane only)	1,400
Aircraft rental for practical test	540
Practical test fee	1,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,690</u>

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