

## **CAREER PILOT PROGRAM**

### **Let's get started on your flight training...**

This brief packet will help you understand all the details regarding flight training from 0 hours to professional pilot, "zero to hero". It will answer most questions that you may have. We guarantee that flight training with Pacific Air Flight School will be fun, easy, and most importantly, safe! Let's get down to the details...



### **What are the requirements to begin flight training?**

The basic requirements are as follows:

- Be able to speak, write, and understand English
- Be at least 17 years of age (16 to solo)
- Pass an FAA medical exam

*Students who are NOT U.S. citizens: Must pass a TSA background check. This process costs \$130 and takes approximately 3 weeks to process. Pacific Air Flight School has the tools and guides to help you through this process in the most efficient way possible. Please contact us if you require assistance in completing the application process.*



### **International Students & Military Students (VA)**

We are currently operating as a part 61 flight school and intend to become part 141 within the next 2 years.

As a part 61 flight school, we cannot offer I-20's and therefore cannot issue student visas. Any international students must provide have their own visa in order to begin flight training.

As a part 61 school, we do not qualify for any government financial aid for those honorable men and women that have served our country. Once we complete our 141 certification, we will then be able to accept VA benefits.

## The FAA medical certificate

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Certificate is required for all those commencing training for their Private Pilot's License, and those who have already have their license. For those seeking a career in aviation, it is recommended to apply for a 1<sup>st</sup> class medical certificate, since it will be required once applying for employment as a pilot. An FAA Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) must perform the medical exam. To locate a Medical Examiner, go to the website below:

<http://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/>

Copy of FAA Form 8500-9 (Medical Certificate) or FAA Form 8420-2 Medical Student Pilot Certificate) issued.		<b>FF-</b>
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE 3 <sup>RD</sup> CLASS AND STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATE		
This certifies that (Full name and address):		
JOHN DOE 123 STREETNAME DR. ANYTOWN, TN 37130		
12/17/03	70	170 BR BR M
Date of Birth	Height	Weight Hair Eyes Sex
has met the medical standards prescribed in part 67, Federal Aviation Regulations, for this class of Medical Certificate.		
Limitations	MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES	
Date of Examination	Examiner's Designation No	
10/17/42	1013-2	
Signature		
Typed Name	JOE DOCTOR, D.O.	
Airman's Signature		

The exam usually takes about 10-15 minutes and costs approximately \$80.

Once you receive your 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Certificate, it will be good for up to 5 years (2 years for those over the age 40).

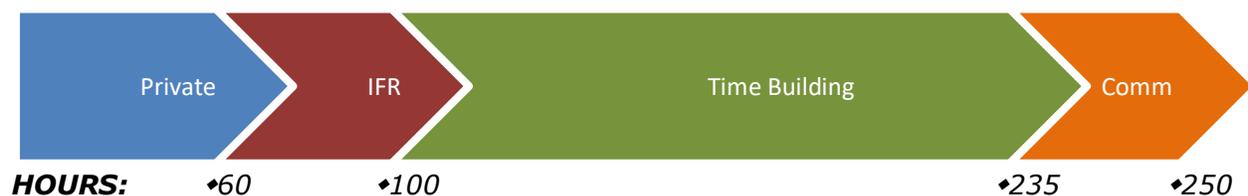
A 1<sup>st</sup> class medical is valid for 12 months (6 months for those over the age of 40)

Certain medications and past medical conditions may require further paperwork to complete the process. To answer questions regarding certain medical conditions, contact your local AME.

*Note: You may obtain a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class medical certificate if you wish. Those medical certificates are usually reserved for those pilots who plan to fly commercially.*

## What is the process of becoming a commercial pilot?

There are many ways a pilot can obtain their commercial pilot license. Some of the minimum requirements include logging 250 flight hours and having a Private Pilot license. Although there are many licenses and ratings available (multi-engine rating, etc.), the most common path that pilots take is the following:





## What is the next step after the Commercial License?

There are many options the pilot may choose to take after completing the Commercial Pilot License—it all depends on the pilot’s goals. The two most common licenses/ratings that most pilots complete after their Commercial License are: Multi-Engine Rating and/or The Certified Flight Instructor certificate. Depending on your goals, different pilots will have different circumstances determining which avenue to take after their Commercial License. Since airlines and charter companies in the United States require a minimum of 1,200-1,500 flight hours, pilots must find a way to go from their Commercial License (about 250 hours) to the minimums required from charter companies and regional airlines (about 1,200-1,500 hours). In any case, what you do after your Commercial License is YOUR choice.

### **OPTION 1**

Probably the most common route for pilots to take is to train for the Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certificate. By doing so, the pilot will be able to easily get a job and earn money, while accumulating hours. At some point though, pilots will have to earn their multi-engine rating if they plan on getting a job with a charter company or an airline.



### **OPTION 2**

Some pilots skip the CFI route and opt to get a job with only their Commercial License. Some examples of this may include: land surveying, pipeline watch, traffic watch, banner towing, parachute jump pilot, etc. Although this is a simple route, it is hardly an easy one since there are not many companies that will hire a pilot with low time (500-1,000 hours).



### **OPTION 3**

The above two options consider the option of getting a job with 250-500 hours. The third option, and probably the least followed, is to pay for all your flight hours leading up the industry minimum of 1,200-1,500. This is obviously a very expensive route, but in many cases, it is very possible to accumulate hours by various means.



*NOTE: Somewhere between 250-1200 hours, pilots are encouraged to consider getting their Multi-Engine Commercial License since it will likely be required by the "Jet Job" they desire.*

## What are the costs associated with training?

The estimated cost of training varies with the airplane to be flown. Several different airplanes are available for training. For every airplane, there are pros and cons; the instructors at Pacific Air Flight School will ensure that you train in the airplane most suitable to your needs.

### **PACIFIC AIR FLIGHT SCHOOL RATES**

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| • Cessna 172N (Carbureted) | \$179/hour |
| • Cessna 172P (Carbureted) | \$179/hour |
| • Cessna 172S (G1000)      | \$209/hour |
| • Instructor               | \$75/hour  |

**Pacific Air Flight School has some of the most competitive rates in Southern California!** The following are items that will be required for training:

### 1) Ground School Material

Ground school is the coursework required to attain a thorough knowledge of flying. This includes, but is not limited to regulations, aerodynamics, weather, aircraft systems, etc. There are many mediums by which ground school may be completed: attending a college course, 1-on-1 with an instructor, specialized flight school ground school, reading all the required books, and interactive-media courses.

The most common form of ground school is an interactive home-study course that can be completed entirely online. The average price is about for these courses between \$199-279.



### 2) Pilot Gear

Pilot gear is a combination of tools and charts (maps) that a student will need. Although not all items are required, there are several tools that will make life easier on a pilot. These items include: charts (maps), flight "computers," books, kneeboard, flight bag, headset, etc.



### 3) Testing

There are ultimately 2 tests that a pilot must take to earn their license. First is the written test (\$150). The final test, known commonly as the "check-ride," is typically around \$700 with an FAA designated pilot examiner.

***Pacific Air Flight School has NO hidden fees and NO deceiving estimates. All of our instructors are extremely personable and come from professional backgrounds.***

## What is the cost for each license?

### PRIVATE PILOT (FAA Minimums)

<b>PRIVATE PILOT</b>	<b>CESSNA 172P</b> (\$179/hour)	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> (\$209/hour)
AIRPLANE (40 hours*)	<b>\$7,160</b>	<b>\$8,360</b>
INSTRUCTOR (50 hours)	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$249</b>	<b>\$249</b>
NEW STUDENT PACKAGE	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,159</b>	<b>\$12,559</b>

*\*Nobody completes their pilot training in only 40 hours. This is the FAA's minimum required hours to obtain a private pilot license.*

### PRIVATE PILOT

Pilots have the option of picking one of three airplanes for training. Each airplane has its own benefits, however, ultimately, pilots will have to stick to one airplane for training.

<b>PRIVATE PILOT</b>	<b>CESSNA 172P</b> (\$179/hour)	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> (\$209/hour)
AIRPLANE (60 hours*)	<b>\$10,740</b>	<b>\$12,540</b>
INSTRUCTOR (60 hours)	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$249</b>	<b>\$249</b>
NEW STUDENT PACKAGE	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,224</b>	<b>\$16,724</b>

*\*Although the minimum requirement is 40 hours for a Private Pilot License, 60 hours is a more realistic estimate. We encourage new pilots to not be enticed by flight schools offering 40-hour estimates, as they tend to be misleading.*

### INSTRUMENT RATING

Much like the training for the Private Pilot License, pilots have the option of picking one of three airplanes for training.

<b>INSTRUMENT RATING</b>	<b>CESSNA 172P</b> (\$179/hour)	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> (\$209/hour)
AIRPLANE (40 hours*)	<b>\$7,160</b>	<b>\$8,360</b>
INSTRUCTOR (50 hours)	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$249</b>	<b>\$249</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,159</b>	<b>\$12,359</b>

*\*An approved simulator ("Flight Training Device") may be used to complete part of the Instrument Rating requirements.*

### **TIME BUILDING**

The time-building phase can be completed all on your own or shared with another pilot (to save on costs), or a mixture of both. Although sharing the costs is a great way to save money, it's not always the easiest to find another who is also looking to share the cost.

<b>TIME BUILDING</b>	<b>CESSNA 172P</b> (\$179/hour)	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> (\$209/hour)
<b>TOTAL: AIRPLANE (135 hours)</b>	<b>\$24,165</b>	<b>\$28,215</b>

<b>TIME BUILDING (SHARED)</b>	<b>CESSNA 172P</b> (\$179/hour)	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> (\$209/hour)
<b>TOTAL: AIRPLANE (135 hours)</b>	<b>\$12,083</b>	<b>\$14,108</b>

*\*NOTE: An approved simulator may be used to complete up to 50 hours of the required time that will be required for the Commercial Pilot License. If used, it can significantly reduce the cost during the time-building phase.*

### **COMMERCIAL PILOT**

The Commercial License can be completed in a "Technically Advanced Aircraft" (TAA). Our Cessna 172S G1000 is perfect for this task.

<b>COMMERCIAL PILOT</b>	<b>CESSNA</b> <b>172S G1000</b> (\$209/hour)
AIRPLANE (20 hours)	<b>\$4,180</b>
INSTRUCTOR (20 hours)	<b>\$1,500</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$249</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,929</b>

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING (OPTIONAL)**

Depending on your career goals, you may need to complete one of the following certificates/ratings. The CFI certificate will guarantee you a job and can also be accomplished in our Cessna 172S G1000.

<b>CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>CESSNA 172S</b> <b>G1000</b> (\$209/hour)
AIRPLANE (15 hours)	<b>\$3,135</b>
INSTRUCTOR (25 hours)	<b>\$2,500</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$279</b>
LESSON PLANS	<b>\$500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,414</b>

## What is the total cost of training? How do I pay?

All of the costs mentioned are considered estimates; the actual costs of training may fluctuate, depending on your skills, delays in training, etc. The main difference in total-cost will be determined by the airplane you choose to use for training. You can choose to do training for the Private Pilot and Instrument Rating in one of three airplanes (C172P, C172S). You will be able to design a training course that suits your budget and your needs.

Unlike other flight schools, all our training is paid on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. This means that **you do not have to make any down payment**; you simply pay at the end of each lesson. Most lessons are between \$225-350.



For those seeking financial assistance, we offer a partnership with Pilot Finance Inc. For more information, contact them at: [www.PilotFinance.com](http://www.PilotFinance.com).

	Not Shared Basic	Not Shared Career
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>\$11,159</b> (Cessna 172P/N)	<b>\$12,359</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>\$11,159</b> (Cessna 172P/N)	<b>\$12,359</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>TIME BUILDING</b>	<b>\$24,165</b> (Cessna 172P/N: not shared)	<b>\$28,215</b> (Cessna 172S: not shared)
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>\$5,329</b> (Cessna 172S)	<b>\$5,549</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>CFI (Optional)</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>\$6,414</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,812</b>	<b>\$64,896</b>

	Partially Shared	Shared Career
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>\$15,244</b> (Cessna 172P/N)	<b>\$16,724</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>\$11,159</b> (Cessna 172P/N)	<b>\$12,359</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>TIME BUILDING</b>	<b>\$9,062</b> (Cessna 172P/N: some shared)	<b>\$14,108</b> (Cessna 172S: shared)
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>\$5,549</b> (Cessna 172S)	<b>\$5,549</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>CFI (Optional)</b>	<b>\$6,414</b> (Cessna 172S)	<b>\$6,414</b> (Cessna 172S)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,428</b>	<b>\$55,154</b>

## How long will training take?

Scheduling lesson will largely depend on your schedule. Some students decide to do full-time training, flying 4-7 times a week, whereas other pilots may opt to fly 2 times a week. The timetable below represents estimates for the time it will take to get each license/rating, depending on the frequency of your training.

LESSONS PER WEEK (Lesson Frequency)	1	2-3	4-5	6-7
<b>PRIVATE</b>	10 MONTHS	5 MONTHS	2 MONTHS	5 WEEKS
<b>INSTRUMENT</b>	6 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	1 MONTH	2 WEEKS
<b>TIME BUILDING</b>	10 MONTHS	5 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	8 WEEKS
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	2 MONTHS	1 MONTH	2 WEEKS	1 WEEK
<b>CFI (Optional)</b>	4 MONTHS	2 MONTHS	3 WEEKS	2 WEEKS

*Remember, all lessons are scheduled to work around your schedule.*

## What will training be like?

Regardless of your lesson frequency, every lesson will have a core objective. Most lessons will only involve a flight lesson. However, some lessons will be dedicated to "ground school," where the instructor focuses on important material that must be reviewed. Once you determine a schedule that works for you, the instructor will layout a training course outline so that you always know the objective of the next lesson. Prior to each lesson, it will be the student's responsibility to study for that lesson.

On a typical lesson, students will spend about 15 minutes with the instructor for a briefing. That is followed by a flight that is usually lasts about 1-1½ hour. After the completion of the flight, a 30-minute post-flight briefing takes places, where the instructor gives the student his/her notes on that day's lesson.

## How do I start?

The very first step in flight training is to take a Demo Flight. A Demo Flight is designed to let you fly the whole time to determine if you are truly interested in attaining a career in aviation. For those pilots ready to start training, we will simply schedule your first lesson, where we will go over the basics, as well as organize a schedule that works for you.

**If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at:**

**866-600-9595 or [info@pacificairflightschool.com](mailto:info@pacificairflightschool.com)**