

## PRIVATE PILOT INFORMATION PACKAGE

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

This brief packet will help you understand all the details regarding flight training. 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 details...

### What are the privileges of a Private Pilot?

Want to take a trip to Las Vegas without the lines at the airport or the traffic on the I-15 freeway? **Ever thought of flying somewhere, such as Catalina Island, for a quick lunch?** Maybe you simply want to fly to San Francisco for a business meeting.

Whether you plan on taking an exciting flight around town to gaze at the city lights or you'd like to take your family and friends on a fun trip, the Private Pilot License will allow for all that and more!

Some of the basic privileges and limitations of the Private Pilot License include:

- Flying passengers!
  - Weekend getaways.
  - Night flights.
  - Business Trips.
  - Lunch in Catalina.
  - And so much more!
- Air-lifting passengers in accordance with certain charitable organizations.
- There are two primary limitations Private Pilots:
  - Private Pilots are not allowed to fly in the clouds ("Instrument Rating" is required).
  - Private Pilots cannot charge for their service ("Commercial License" is required).



### What are the requirements to become a Private Pilot?

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

*U.S. Citizens: Must provide proof of citizenship by providing either a U.S. passport or a birth certificate.*

*Students who are NOT U.S. citizens: Must pass a TSA background check. This process costs \$130 and takes approximately 2 weeks to process. Pacific Air Flight School has the tools and guides to help you through this process in the most efficient way possible.*



## The FAA medical certificate

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Certificate is required for all those who are commencing training for their Private Pilot's License, and also those who have already have their license. 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>	
<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATE 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS AND STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATE</b>			
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.			
MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES			
Examiner	Date of Examination		Examiner's Designation No
	10/12/42		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).

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 only required for those pilots who plan to fly commercially.*

## What is the estimated cost to get my license?

The estimated cost of training varies with the airplane to be flown. The minimum amount of flight training required is 40 hours of flight; the national average for flight hours for a new pilot is 68 hours. **Most Private Pilot students who complete training with Pacific Air Flight School finish in approximately 50-60 hours.**

Several different airplanes are available for training. **A Cessna 172 (carbureted) runs for \$125/hour. A Cessna 172 (G1000 equipped) runs for \$170/hour.** 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**

- Cessna 172 (carbureted) \$125/hour
- Cessna 172 (G1000) \$170/hour
- Instructor \$65/hour

Pacific Air Flight School primarily operates with a pay-as-you-go program, whereby each student only pays at the end of each lesson. Depending on the aircraft used and the length of the flight, lessons will typically run between \$225-350 per lesson.



For those looking for financial assistance, we have partnered with Pilot Finance, Inc. for student loans. Visit [www.PilotFinance.com](http://www.PilotFinance.com) for more information on pilot loans.

## What is the estimated cost to get my license (continued)?

**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, flight planning, 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 is completed entirely online. The average price is about for these courses between \$199-279. You can visit the following sites for more information:

[www.kingschools.com](http://www.kingschools.com) & [www.sportys.com/PilotShop](http://www.sportys.com/PilotShop)

### 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 primary tests that a student must take to earn their license. The first is a computerized written test (\$150). The final test, commonly known as the "checkride," is typically around \$700 with an FAA pilot examiner.

### Grand Total

Pilots are required to have a minimum of 40 hours of flight experience before earning their Private Pilot license. However, the national average for Private Pilots is about 68 hours. We encourage new pilots to not be enticed by flight schools offering 40-hour estimates, as they tend to be misleading. The following table follows a realistic estimate of 60 flight hours:

PRIVATE PILOT	CESSNA 172P (\$125/hour)	CESSNA 172S (\$170/hour)
AIRPLANE (60 hours)	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$10,200</b>
INSTRUCTOR (65 hours)	<b>\$4,225</b>	<b>\$4,225</b>
GROUND SCHOOL	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$199</b>
PILOT GEAR	<b>\$120</b>	<b>\$120</b>
WRITTEN EXAM	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$150</b>
CHECKRIDE	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,894</b>	<b>\$15,594</b>

***Pacific Air Flight School is honest and upfront about all costs; there are NO hidden fees and NO deceiving estimates. Our estimates are conservative and depict realistic flight training time frames. All of our instructors are extremely personable and come from professional backgrounds.***

## What will training be like?

Training is broken down into 3 phases.

Phase-I concentrates on the development of basic flying skills. During this phase, the student will learn how to do basic maneuvers, including: takeoffs, landings, steep turns, etc. **At the completion of Phase I, the student will solo for the first time.**



Phase-II focuses on navigation, advanced maneuvers, and night flying. During this phase, the student will begin traveling to locations up to 100 miles away. **At the completion of this phase, the student will be able to fly to distant airports (e.g., Santa Barbara, San Diego) all by him/herself.**

Phase-III is a short phase during which everything is polished up and prepped for the final exam (the "check ride"). A thorough review of all maneuvers and knowledge will take place and ensure that the student is ready to be a safe, licensed Private Pilot. **Once you are licensed, you will be allowed to fly almost any single-engine airplane!**

## How long will it take to earn my license?

In order to be efficient and for the best results, it is recommended that the student fly at least 2 times a week. **By flying twice a week, a student can earn their license in as little as 5 months.** Training once a week will usually earn you your Private Pilot License in about 10 months.

LESSONS PER WEEK	1	2-3	4-5	6-7
ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	10 MONTHS	5 MONTHS	2-3 MONTHS	5 WEEKS

Whether you plan on flying once a week or three times a week, our scheduling is very flexible and Pacific Air Flight School works around your schedule to serve you better.

## How do I start?

The very first step in flight training is to take a Demo Flight. During your Demo Flight, you will experience hands-on flying and get a real taste for flight training with us. In addition to getting a free in-flight video, we will go over all pertinent information in regards to flight training.

To get more information on Demo Flights, please visit:

<http://pacificairflightschool.com/demo-flights/>

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

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