



# PRIVATE PILOT COST SHEET

This sheet itemizes the costs associated with obtaining a Private Pilot Certificate. There are many other resources available to our students including a lending library, DVD instructional videos and FAA publications we provide for **FREE** because our goal is to make training as affordable and efficient as possible.

## GROUND SCHOOL

The Jeppesen Online Private Pilot course contains ground school and maneuvers lessons using a combination of audio, video and graphics to clearly explain each topic. Each lesson contains links to test questions, human factors information and interesting case studies to further your learning and serve as the perfect tool to prepare for the FAA knowledge exam. Lessons can be accessed from any computer with internet access and reviewed as many time as you like. This course fully integrates with our custom flight training syllabus and online scheduling system.

**\$239**

## PRIVATE PILOT KIT

The Private Pilot Kit contains all of the training tools and reference literature needed to prepare for the knowledge and practical exams. (knowledge test guide, E6B, VFR plotter, logbook, charts, VFR kneeboard, aircraft checklist and student bag)

**\$189**

## MEDICAL / STUDENT CERTIFICATE

3rd class medical exam from an Aviation Medical Examiner.

**\$100**

## FAA KNOWLEDGE EXAM

Multiple-choice exam administered by computer.

**\$150**

## AIRCRAFT RENTAL\*

FAA minimum required 40 hours flight training:

Cessna C152 - \$89.00/hr	\$3560
Cessna C172 - \$135.00/hr	\$5400
Cessna C172 G1000 - \$149.00/hr	\$5960

**\$3,560**

## FLIGHT INSTRUCTION\*

Dual instruction including flight training, preflight and postflight briefings. (50 hrs @ \$60/hr)

**\$3,000**

## FAA PRACTICAL EXAM

Oral and flight exam with FAA designated examiner.

**\$400**

**TOTAL PRIVATE PILOT COST  
TRAINING IN A C152**

**~\$7,600**

\*Aircraft and instructor hours based on FAA minimum requirements. The national average is 75 hours of flight time for a Private Pilot Certificate. Rainier Flight Service averages 50 hours. Does not include sales tax for aircraft rental. Ask about our block rate discount.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **What can I do to minimize the cost of training?**

Preparation! The contents of each lesson are itemized in the training syllabus so you know exactly what to expect each flight. If you study the material in advance then the instructor can focus on answering your questions, not introducing new material.

## **How long does it take to learn to fly and get a pilot certificate?**

The same variables that affect the cost of learning to fly will affect the time it takes to earn your certificate. The FAA has established the minimum number of flight hours needed to obtain a certificate. The minimum for a private pilot certificate under Part 61 is 40 flight hours but a true average is between 50 and 60 hours. These hours can be spread over a time span of several months to a year or more depending on your schedule and timeline.

## **How much experience do you have instructing?**

We have a wide variety of instructing experience ranging from collegiate programs to small uncontrolled airports. Students include brand new pilots to teaching instructors how to teach. As airline pilots we have gained valuable experience in virtually all flying conditions that we use to impart good flying habits and decision-making skills.

## **How and where can I get a student pilot certificate?**

An aviation medical examiner (AME) typically gives you a student pilot certificate to as part of the third class medical exam. A list of local AMEs can be found linked from our website ([www.RainierFlightService.com](http://www.RainierFlightService.com)) on the Resources page.

## **Some flight schools have aircraft with “glass cockpits” and others do not. Are there any advantages of training in either aircraft?**

That depends on your personal goals. If you plan on buying an airplane with a glass cockpit then training in a plane with similar equipment may be beneficial. If you plan to fly recreationally in rental aircraft it is a good idea to be proficient in both. Glass cockpit airplanes are usually more expensive to operate so cost may factor into your decision.

## **What kinds of test to I have to take?**

Each flight certificate or rating requires that the student complete three areas of competency, under the review of a person designated by the FAA to conduct the tests. Near the end of your flight training you will need to pass a written (knowledge) test. This is taken on a computer with multiple-choice questions and must be passed with a score of 70% or higher. When your training is complete your flight instructor will endorse you for the oral and practical exams. The FAA designated examiner will ask you questions to determine if you have sufficient knowledge of the subject matter. In the practical exam you will demonstrate to the examiner you can safely operate the airplane in accordance with set standards. The oral and practical typically happen on the same day as part of one appointment.

## **What about insurance?**

Our insurance policy automatically covers you as a renter or student up to a limit of \$100,000 per passenger for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 for liability. Additional renters insurance is affordable and available through Avemco Insurance. Please contact us for more information or to obtain a copy of our policy.