

PROFESSIONAL PILOT PROGRAM OUTLINE

STEP 1

OBTAIN A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

- Schedule an FAA medical exam with an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME).
- For career pilots: Get a First Class Medical.
- Complete before beginning any flight training.

- **Total Flight Time Required:** Minimum 40 hrs (most students complete 60–70 hrs).
- Dual instruction: 30+ hrs.
- Solo flight: 10+ hrs.
- Cross-country: 5+ hrs solo XC, 3 hrs dual XC.
- Night flying: 3 hrs dual, including a 100 NM XC.
- Basic instrument training: 3 hrs
- 3 Solo take off and landings at a towered airport.
- **Ground Training:** Includes online ground school and in person ground school training covering topics such as aerodynamics, weather, airspace, regulations, and navigation.
- **Written Exam:** FAA Private Pilot Airman Knowledge Test (60 questions).
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE

STEP 2

STEP 3

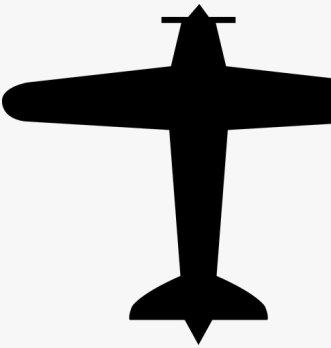
INSTRUMENT RATING

- **Flight Time Required:** 50 hours PIC cross-country time, 40 hours of actual/simulated instrument time (15 with instructor).
- **Ground Training:** Includes online ground school and in person ground school training focusing on IFR systems, procedures, and enroute navigation.
- **Written Exam:** FAA Instrument Rating Airman Knowledge Test (60 Questions).
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

- **Total Time Required:** 250 total flight hours.
- Includes 100 hours PIC (50 cross-country PIC), 20 hours of commercial training with instructor.
- 10 hours complex or Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA) time.
- 10 hours solo: including long XC (300 NM) and 5 hours night VFR.
- **Ground Training:** Includes online ground school and structured ground training in commercial operations, regulations, and complex systems.
- **Written Exam:** FAA Commercial Pilot Airman Knowledge Test (100 Questions).
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE (CPL)

STEP 4



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STEP 5

CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR (CFI)

- **Prerequisites:** Commercial Pilot Certificate.
- **Training Includes:** Fundamentals of Instruction (FOI), flight maneuver instruction, and scenario-based teaching.
- **Ground School:** In-depth sessions on teaching methods and FAA standards.
- **Written Exams:** FOI and FIA Knowledge Tests (50 and 100 questions).
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

- **Prerequisites:** Instrument Rating & CFI.
- **Training Includes:** Teaching instrument procedures, approaches, and evaluations.
- **Ground School:** Detailed review of instrument instruction methods and regulations.
- **Written Exam:** CFII Airman Knowledge Test (50 questions)
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR - INSTRUMENT (CFII)

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STEP 7

COMMERCIAL MULTI-ENGINE ADD-ON

- **Flight Time:** ~10–20 hours in a multi-engine aircraft.
- No additional written exam required if Commercial Single written is completed.
- **Ground Training:** Focus on multi-engine aerodynamics, systems, and engine-out procedures.
- **Checkride:** FAA Practical Test (oral & flight).

- **Writtens:** Written exams are valid for 24 months once passed.
- **Study Resources:** Sheppard Air, ASA, Sporty's, King Schools, etc.
- **Online Ground School:** Recommended for all ratings.
- **Recommended Flight Frequency:** 3–5 lessons per week for best progress.

• **Typical Timeline (Full-Time Student):**

- - PPL: 2–4 months
- - Instrument: 2-3 months
- - Commercial: 2-3 months
- - Commercial Multi: 1 month
- - CFI/CFII: 1–2 months each
- Total Program Duration: ~9–15 months.

OTHER NOTES

