

The Commercial Pilots License (CPL)

Possession of this license allows the private pilot to move on into the commercial flying sector, and be able to transport passengers and/or cargo, or undertake technical flying (e.g. surveying or aerial photography) in return for monetary reward.

The Prospective students must:

Be at least 18 years of age.

Be in possession of a valid PPL.

Obtain a General Radio operators license (Course provided).

Obtain a Commercial Pilots medical certificate.

Pass the CAA prescribed theoretical examinations (8, as for the Instrument Rating course plus an additional 2).

Have accumulated 200 hours total flying time, of which 100 hours must have been as pilot-in-command (PIC), with 20 of these hours on cross-country, 10 hours as PIC at night and 20 hours under IF conditions).

Pass a practical flight test with CAA examiner.

Obtain a letter of recommendation from a grade I or II Instructor.

Attaining this license permits the holder to act as pilot-in-command for reward.

Renewal of the CPL requires that the holder must have flown a minimum of 3 hours as PIC during the current year, and pass an annual flight test.

The Instrument Rating

In order to be able to fly in conditions not suitable for visually-managed flight (VF), the pilot needs to be in possession of an Instrument Rating for instrument-managed flying (IF).

The Prospective students must:

Be in possession of a valid PPL.

Have completed the Night Rating course.

Obtain a General Radio operators license. (Course provided).

Pass the CAA prescribed theoretical examinations (6).

Have accumulated a minimum of 100 hours as pilot-in-command (PIC)(of which 50 hours must be cross-country experience and a further 40 hours of instrument flying (IF) of which 20 may be undertaken on CAA-approved flight simulators).

Pass a practical flight test with a CAA examiner.

Renewal of the instrument rating requires maintaining a valid pilots license by passing an annual flight test.

The Instructors Rating

Achieving the Instructors Rating allows the CPL-qualified pilot to teach others to fly, and to pass on his joy of and interest in flying to others.

The prospective instructor must:

Be in possession of a valid CPL.

Pass the required CAA-prescribed theoretical examinations (2).

Be able to prepare lectures and briefings of a suitable standard.

Have accumulated 20 hours of 'Patter' (flight training).

Obtain a letter of recommendation from a grade I or II instructor.

Pass a practical flight test with CAA examiner.

Renewal of an instructors rating requires that the holder – must have given a minimum of 20 hours instruction during the current year, and pass a flight test after the 1st year - thereafter every 3rd year. After qualifying as a Grade III instructor he/she may advance to the Grade II as their experience develops.

The Multi-engine Rating

Acquisition of a multi-engine rating, i.e. qualification to command aircraft having two or more engines, requires that the pilot must:

Hold a minimum of a valid PPL.

Have completed a minimum of six hours flight training on multi-engine aircraft.

Pass a practical flight test with a CAA-designated Examiner.