

The Private Pilots License (PPL)

This is the first level of qualification that you can attain, and permits you command a variety of single-engine light aircraft for pleasure flying.

Course Requirements

Here you will find the details of what is required to complete the various training courses that we offer:

The prospective student must:

Complete a minimum 45 hours of flight training (30 dual – i.e. with an instructor, and 15 solo).

Be a minimum 17 years of age (earlier starts are possible, but only dual training is permissible until the age of 17 – i.e. you will not be allowed to fly solo until you have passed your 17th birthday).

Be declared medically fit to fly by an aviation-approved physician.

Have no special qualifications other than an ability to communicate in English. However, a reasonable grasp of mathematics and map reading is strongly recommended.

Obtain a Restricted Radio operators license (Course provided).

Pass the CAA-required theoretical examinations and flight test as specified for the PPL.

Maintain the license by completing a minimum of 3 hours of solo flying per annum, as well as a flight test.

We do, however, encourage our students to fly a lot more than this if they intend becoming accomplished pilots. Remember a PPL is simply a passport to the greater world of flying.

The Night Rating

This is an adjunct to the PPL. Acquiring the night rating not only improves skill, discipline and standard of flying, but allows the pilot to make those early morning departures or after sunset returns that are so often required.

The prospective student must:

Be in possession of a valid PPL.

Undergo a total of 15 hours of dual training, comprised of instrument flying, night circuits and night cross-country.

Pass a basic instrument flying (IF) skills test.