



Obtaining the **Private Pilot Certificate**

Eligibility Requirements

- *Minimum of 17 years of age
- *Read, speak and understand English
- *Hold at least a third class medical certificate (doubles as your student pilot certificate)
- *Pass a written exam
- *Pass an oral and flight test

The Private Pilot Certificate qualifies a person to act as pilot-in-command of an aircraft carrying passengers and baggage. The certified private pilot may fly under good weather conditions and may not receive compensation for his/her services. If your goal is to become a professional pilot or to fly for business purposes, you will need to earn additional ratings and certificates.

Certificate Requirements

The FAA requires the student to log a minimum of 40 hours of flight time. However, most students require approximately **50 to 60 hours** to achieve the necessary proficiency. The national average is **74 hours**. Approximately 35 hours of independent study time is also required in preparation for the written exam.

Completion Time

Completion times for the private pilot certificate are different for each student. Students typically schedule time around jobs, families, and other activities. A student who trains two days per week can expect to spend approximately five to six months to complete their certificate.

Cost

Most students spend between \$5,500 and \$7,500 to obtain their private license.

Flight training is conducted in Cessna 172, single-engine aircraft. The Cessna 172 is one of the safest, and overall best training airplanes available.

Payment Options

You simply pay as you go. There are no up-front costs. Major credit cards are accepted, as well as cash or check.

Location

Flight training is offered at:

Hangar 6-1, New Richmond Regional Airport

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