LEARN TO **FLY**

THE STEPS INVOLVED IN OBTAINING A PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE

Whether you are learning to fly for pleasure or a career, the starting point and various stages of learning are the same.

STAGE 1

The first step to training is to take a Trial Instructional Flight (T.I.F.). During this lesson, the instructor will explain the basics of flying, and also point out some of the features of the aircraft. The flight lasts about 35 minutes and you will have the opportunity to fly the aircraft during all phases of flight including the takeoff and landing.

If you decide to continue with training, an Aviation Reference Number (ARN) should be applied for from CASA and an aviation medical certificate is required prior to flying solo.

STAGE 2

The next step is to undertake training to obtain a Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL). On passing this test you will be able to carry passengers within the flying training area associated with the flying school.

Training begins with dual instruction until you achieve your "First Solo" flight. On average, this will take approximately 20 instructional hours. Training then continues as a combination of dual (with the instructor) and solo (on your own) flying, until all sequences of the syllabus of training have been covered to the required standard.

The average number of hours to complete the RPL from the first flight is 30 hours dual and 12 hours solo. There are four theory exams which you will undertake during the training for the RPL.

STAGE 3

Your next step is to continue navigation training which, when completed, will give you your Private Pilot Licence (P.P.L.). This will enable you to fly, with passengers, anywhere within Australia.

The navigation flying training consists of approximately eight navigation exercises, two of which are solo, and a pass in the multi choice theory exam set by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (C.A.S.A).

On average, the number of hours required to complete the P.P.L. is 20 hours dual and 7 hours solo.

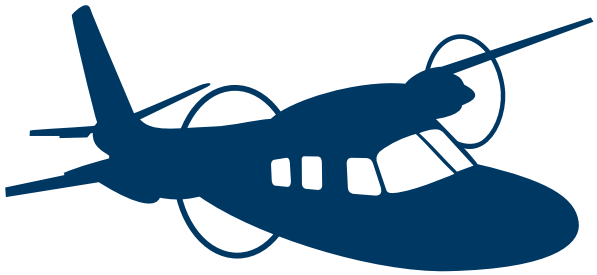
Aircraft used for the T.I.F and RPL phase of training are Cessna 152s, and then the completion of the RPL. is conducted in either a Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee. The 152 has two seats, and 172 and Cherokee have four seats.

Once the RPL is passed a check flight can be conducted in the 172 or Cherokee, allowing you to carry passengers in either of these aircraft types.

The theory subjects for Basic Aeronautical Knowledge, and the Private Pilot Licence can be studied in two ways:

1. **Self study –** a set of books can be supplied for each exam and studied at home.
2. **Tuition –** for those who prefer, individual tuition can be arranged.

All exams can be sat at Melton Flying School.



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HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

TRIAL INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT: Cessna 152	$125
AVIATION MEDICAL:	
Aviation Medical Examination (Price may vary)	$180
CASA Medical Processing Fee	$75
	$255
RECREATIONAL PILOT LICENCE (RPL) : Cessna 152	
Typical Costs 30 Hours Dual @ $280.00 / hr	$8,400
12 Hours Solo @ $200.00 / hr	$2,400
Theory Books (B.A.K Exam)	$220
B.A.K. Exam fee	$160
R.P.L. Flight Test 1.5 hours	$950
	$12,130
PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE (P.P.L): Cessna 172 / Piper Cherokee	
Typical Costs 20 hours Dual @ 320.00 / hr	$6,400
7 hours Solo @ 260.00 / hr	$1,820
Theory Books (P.P.L Exam)	$220
P.P.L Exam Fee	$160
P.P.L. Flight Test 3.0 hours	$1,440
	$10,040

*Prices effective July 2019. All prices include G.S.T and may be varied at any time.

NOTE: Although CASA has a minimum aeronautical experience requirement of 20 hours for the RPL and 40 hours total for the P.P.L. in practice it has been found the hours required to achieve the required standard will exceed the minimum requirements and vary with each student and frequency of lessons, The above costing is representative of a typical student flying once a week and logging approximately 73 hours by the completion of the Private Pilot Licence.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

In general, it is recommended that the student aims to fly at least once a week to maintain continuity of training. This would enable the RPL to be completed in 6 to 8 months. If training is conducted on a full time basis, the RPL could be completed in 2 to 3 months.

The availability of time or finances, and such influences as weather and motivation, can increase or decrease this time. Lessons are conducted on a pay as you fly basis. There are no up front payments.

No formal educational qualifications are required to obtain a Pilot Licence just the ability to read, write and speak English, with simple arithmetic.

Flying training can be commenced at any age, but a trainee must be 15 years of age before being able to fly solo, and 17 years of age to hold a P.P.L. There is no maximum age limit for a private pilot licence.

A Class 2 aviation medical examination must be passed prior to your first solo flight. The medical may only be conducted by a Designated Aviation Medical Examiner and cost will vary between doctors (average cost $180.00). Contact Melton Flying School or visit www.casa.gov.au for a list of approved doctors.

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