



Frequently asked Questions & Answers

How old do I need to be to start flying?

You can start at any time; however bear in mind that you can only be sent solo at the age of 15, the minimum age requirement to obtain your Private Pilot License is 17 years old and 18 years old for a Commercial Pilot License.

When am I too old to fly?

There is no age restriction; however you must pass a Grade II aviation medical examination for a Private Pilot License and a Grade I examination for a Commercial Pilot License.

Where can I do my medical?

Eagle Flight Academy recommends the services of an approved Medical Examiner in the vicinity; students can make their own bookings as per their convenience. The Information can be supplied on request.

What are the requirements to qualify / enroll?

You must be a South African citizen or a holder of an appropriate visa.

You are required to pass a medical examination, performed by a Designated Aviation Medical Examiner.

English proficiency is a requirement by law, you need to pass an English Proficiency test and the minimum requirement is a level 4.

There are no official educational requirements, but we recommend:

- an understanding of maths and physics
- an ability to understand technical information, as pilots need to know how their aircraft works
- excellent spatial awareness and coordination
- teamwork / leadership / clear communication skills
- the ability to think quickly and make decisions in difficult situations
- the capacity to remain calm under pressure
- discipline, self-confidence and commitment

How do I enroll?

Complete the application form and send via e-mail or fax. Once you have been selected an initial upfront fee of R50 000.00 will be required before commencement of training.

What if I am a foreign student?

You will be required to apply for a study visa through the South African Embassy in your country. Once the application form has been received and you have been selected a non-refundable fee of ZAR 5000.00 will be required. We will issue you with an acceptance letter for 24 months. The fee paid will include the compulsory medical cover required by the embassy. We make use of Momentum Health which gives the best comprehensive cover and they are a reputable company. In some countries the application for a study visa can only be processed if an additional ZAR 50 000.00 is paid as proof of student enrolment. The payment will secure your booking on the course. Half of the remainder of the course fee will be required to be paid 6 weeks after commencing training and the balance after 18 weeks of the start date.

Where can I get financial assistance?

Unfortunately we do not have any sponsorship available at this stage. If you are a South African citizen you can apply at ABSA, First National Bank and Standard Bank for a student loan. If you are a foreigner you would need to source for financial assistance in your own country.

Do you supply accommodation and transport?

Accommodation and transport can be supplied. Space is limited and we need to know in advance to be able to prepare a room for you.

When can I commence training?

You can start the pre-set dates on the prospectus.

Is my license internationally recognized?

You will need to convert your license in accordance with the aviation laws of the country that you intend to fly in.

Do I need to write any theoretical exams?

Yes, the PPL exams are written “online” using our accredited computer based Examination Management System which is linked with the South African Civil Aviation Authority. Exams are the multiple choice type, with approximately 30 questions per subject. The following exams are to be written with a pass-mark of at least 75%:

- Principles of Flight
- Aircraft Technical and General
- Human Performance
- Meteorology
- Air Law
- Restricted Radio
- Flight Performance and Planning
- Navigation

Will I be able to attend a Ground School?

There are two phases to ground school. The first is coupled to flight training and will be done during normal daily slot times. This part of ground training is particular to the exercises being done in the air. The more formal part of ground training is conducted in a class room where all students requiring this part of the ground training will congregate. The program caters for at least 5 weeks of ground school.

How many hours do I need to obtain a Private Pilot License?

A minimum of 45 hours are required by law, which consist of 30 hour dual instruction and 15 hours solo flight. This is the legal minimum, additional hours may be needed to meet the standards expected depending on the student’s aptitude and progress.

How many hours do I need to complete a Night Rating?

You need to complete 10 hours of dual flight instruction, of which 5 can be done on a simulator. An additional 4 hours of night navigation must be flown. The Night Rating test will be 1 hour.

How many hours do I need to obtain a Commercial Pilot License with an Instrument Rating?

A total of 200 hours is needed, of which 100 hours must be as pilot-in-command, 10 of those hours being pilot-in-command by night, 40 hours of instrument training, of which 15 hours can be on a simulator.

How long does it take to graduate from PPL to CPL after I commenced training?

It takes between 12 and 18 months to complete the entire course, depending on your ability to pass the theoretical exams and to meet the required standards to be tested with success.

Should I do a Single or Multi Engine Commercial Pilot Licence?

This is a personal choice, however it will certainly enhance your marketability as a professional pilot if you obtained a Multi-Engine rating.

Should I do my Instructor's rating?

To increase later employment opportunities, many Commercial Pilot's elect to obtain their Instructor's rating. The professional challenges of being an instructor will undoubtedly make a candidate more employable and offers more career opportunities in the future.

Last but not least, why should I choose Eagle Flight Academy?

We have a passion for Aviation. We have more than 330 days of good flying weather. The ratio of students to instructors are limited, giving you value for money. We offer a wide variety of courses. We are based on a private aerodrome. We own all our own PPL and CPL hour building aircraft fleet.