



## General Requirements for getting your Private Pilot's License (PPL):

- Be at least 17 years of age (16 to solo)
- Be a U.S citizen (or complete TSA verification)
- Pass a 3rd class medical exam
- Complete necessary study to take FAA Knowledge Exam, and pass with a 70% or higher (this is the component which our ground school covers)
- Have at least 40 hrs total flight time (this 40 hrs also includes stratified requirements such as solo time, cross country time, night time, etc- our instructors will make sure you have all the requirements you need)
- Pass a Checkride administered by a Designated Pilot Examiner

## Ground Training Portion:

Attending our ground school is a great first step if you're looking to get into aviation. It is \$450 for the course + books and materials. In a separate document, you will find more info on the topics covered. We require a 50% down payment upon enrollment, with the final payment being due on the first day of class. This ground school will provide you with all the information that you will need to know in order to pass an FAA Knowledge "Written" Exam, which is a required component of getting your Private Pilot's License. **This portion of your training will cover the majority of the bookwork and mental knowledge that goes into obtaining your PPL.**

## Flight Portion:

Most people will take a ground school around the same time that they are also doing physical flight training, which is where you are actually in the aircraft with an instructor learning the skills needed to fly safely on your own. Flight training is structured by our syllabus; however, each student can go about their training at their own pace. Our instructors will walk you through each lesson and make sure that you are meeting the requirements for your final Check Ride. The total cost will vary

depending on the pace of your training and which aircraft you are in. **This portion of your training will teach you the physical skills needed to safely pilot an aircraft.**

### Aircraft:

We offer Cessna 150's and 172's for training. The Cessna 172 is a 4-seater aircraft recommended for anyone who is taller than 5'10" and/or greater than 160lbs. These planes have more horsepower and greater range than the Cessna 150. The Cessna 150 is a 2-seater aircraft that is an option for those of smaller stature, they have a little less horsepower but are more economical than the 172. Both the 150 and 172 are among the most popular airframes for flight training, and for good reason.

### Instructors:

At Cascade Air, we select Certified Flight Instructors (CFI's) whose values align with those of our company. We are a family business that was founded based on a passion for flying and wanting to share that with others while promoting safety with the utmost importance. Our CFI's teach content based on a standardized syllabus, however, they are all prepared to alter their teaching style to meet the needs of the student. After all, you as the student are the customer and deserve to have the best possible experience at Cascade Air.

### Cost:

While Private Pilot Students are only required to log a minimum of 40 hours of flight time to take their Check Ride, the national average is around 60 hours. For this reason, we recommend budgeting for a full 60 hours of flight time. Our Cessna 150's are \$100/hr + \$55/hr for the instructor, and our Cessna 172's are \$125/hr + \$55/hr for the instructor. Please note that not all of the required hours will be with an instructor, so when students are on their solo flights they will only pay for the aircraft rate plus any applicable ground instruction. If students are able to fly more frequently, they are typically able to complete their PPL in less hours which significantly lowers the total cost. However, we always recommend going at whatever pace of training is financially comfortable. Estimated total cost for start- to-finish Private Pilot Training is outlined below. Please note that this is a general estimate and not a guaranteed total cost.

## Estimated Total Cost for PPL in 40hrs flight time (tax not included):

### Cessna 150/152

30hrs dual flight instruction (aircraft rate of \$100/hr + instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$4,650

10hrs solo (aircraft rate of \$100/hr): \$1,000

25hrs ground instruction (instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$1,375

Ground School + books/materials: approximately \$550

Written Exam/Check Ride Fees: approximately \$1,100

Total Estimated Cost: \$8,675

### Cessna 172

30hrs dual flight instruction (aircraft rate of \$125/hr + instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$5,400

10hrs solo (aircraft rate of \$125/hr): \$1,250

25hrs ground instruction (instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$1,375

Ground School + books/materials: approximately \$550

Written Exam Fee/ Check Ride Fee: approximately \$1,100

Total Estimated Cost: \$9,675

## Estimated Total Cost for PPL in 60hrs flight time (tax not included)

### Cessna 150/152

45hrs dual flight instruction (aircraft rate of \$100/hr + instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$6,975

15hrs solo (aircraft rate of \$100/hr): \$1,500

35hrs ground instruction (instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$1,925

Ground School + books/materials: approximately \$550

Written Exam/Check Ride Fees: approximately \$1,100

Total Estimated Cost: \$12,050

### Cessna 172

45hrs dual flight instruction (aircraft rate of \$125/hr + instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$8,100

15hrs solo (aircraft rate of \$125/hr): \$1,875

35hrs ground instruction (instructor rate of \$55/hr): \$1,925

Ground School + books/materials: approximately \$550

Written Exam Fee/ Check Ride Fee: approximately \$1,100

Total Estimated Cost: \$13,550

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