



COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATION COURSE

Commercial Pilot Overview

The commercial pilot certificate will allow you to fly for compensation or hire under the employment of a business operating aircraft. During training, students will explore the limits of the airplane and learn to safely operate it to ensure the safety of their passengers and cargo.

Pilot Requirements and Flight Experience

To qualify for a Commercial Certificate, students must hold a Private Pilot certificate and have 250 hours of flight time. Additionally, to fly for compensation, at least a Second Class Medical Certificate is required. There is also a minimum of 20 hours of commercial training, which includes 10 hours of instrument training, 10 hours of complex or TAA training, dual cross-country training, and at least 10 hours of solo hours, which includes several solo cross country and night flights.

Training Timeline

The Commercial Pilot Certification Course offered by Jefferson City Flying Service can be completed in as little as 90 days. Many students complete the program at a comfortable pace in about 9 months, or 39 weeks. There is no time restriction, so your training schedule can be adjusted to fit your availability and progress.

Estimated Course Basis

FAA Part 61 minimums require 250 flight hours. Each student completes the course based on individual skill development, proficiency, and training pace. The cost list below provides an approximate estimate for earning a Commercial Certificate based on the applicant already having 100 hours from both Private and Instrument training, and Jefferson City Flying Service can help you understand expected costs before and during your training.

Estimated Costs

Item	Rate / Quantity	Estimated Cost
Piper PA-28 Warrior aircraft rental	140 flight hours at \$175.00 per flight hour	\$24,500
Piper PA-28 Arrow aircraft rental	10 flight hours at \$270 per flight hour	\$2,700
Flight instruction time	55 hours at \$65.00 per hour	\$3,575
Ground instruction time	35 hours at \$65 per hour	\$2,065
Gleim Commercial Pilot Kit	Course materials	\$220
Written test fee	Paid to testing center	\$175
Final flight test fee	Paid to FAA examiner; average cost	\$700
Total estimated cost		\$33,935

Additional Notes

- Sales tax is charged for airplane rental and materials only and is not figured into the estimated cost.
- Payments can be made using cash, check, or credit card.
- Payments may be made after each lesson or deducted from an account paid in advance.
- Average lessons are approximately 2.0 hours.

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