



PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATION COURSE

Private Pilot Overview

Earning your Private Pilot Certificate prepares you to fly for personal travel, recreation, and business. As a Private Pilot, you may not charge for your services, but you may share the expenses of renting or operating an airplane with your passengers on a share-and-share-alike basis.

Pilot Requirements and Flight Experience

To qualify for a Private Pilot Certificate, students must complete at least 40 total flight hours. Those hours must include 20 hours with a Certified Flight Instructor, and 10 hours of solo flight. Additionally, students must be at least 17 years old to receive the certificate (students may solo at age 16), obtain at least a Third-Class Medical certificate, and pass the FAA written and FAA practical (checkride) exam.

Training Timeline

The Private Pilot Course offered by Jefferson City Flying Service can be completed in as little as 60 days. Many students complete the program at a comfortable pace in about 6 months, or 26 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 40 flight hours; however, this estimate is based on a national average of 55 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 Private Pilot Certificate, 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	55 flight hours at \$175.00 per flight hour	\$9,625
Flight instruction time	35 hours at \$65.00 per hour	\$2,275
Ground instruction time	30 hours at \$65.00 per hour	\$1,950
Gleim Private Pilot Kit	Course materials	\$225
Written test fee	Paid to testing center	\$175
Medical examination	Paid to doctor; average cost	\$170
Final flight test fee	Paid to FAA examiner; average cost	\$700
Total estimated cost		\$15,120

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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