**Private Pilot Certificate**

Student must be at least 17 years of age and able to read, speak, write and understand the English Language. If not a US citizen, the student must be approved through the Transportation Security Authority (TSA) prior to beginning flight training.

**Ground School**

The college level course is designed to prepare you to pass the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test, and to introduce you to the myriad of subjects associated with Aviation. The course includes Airplane Systems, Aerodynamics, Airport Layout, signs and operations, Communication, Weather, Regulations, Publications, Charts, Visual Navigation, Electronic Navigation, Flight Planning, Physiology, and much more.

Cost of the Course: $575, includes, Instruction, Private Pilot Kit, Introductory Flight

**Private Pilot Knowledge Test**

Student Pilots must receive a logbook endorsement from a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) or FAA certified Ground Instructor to take the Private Pilot Knowledge Test. This written test includes 60 multiple choice questions. A minimum score of 70% is required to pass the test. Once the student passes the test, he/she has 2 years to complete the remainder of the training and pass an FAA checkride.

Cost of Exam: $150 ($10 off if an AOPA member). Available for active duty at the Hub Zemke Library. Call (530) 634-2314 for more information

**Flight Training**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires a minimum of 40 hours of flight training, to include a minimum of 20 hours of instruction with a CFI and a minimum of 10 hours of solo flight.

(Note: Dual flights are training flights with a CFI)

Training must include at least:

* 3 hours – Cross-Country flight training (Dual)
* 3 hours – Night flight training (Dual)
* One Cross-Country flight over 100 nautical miles distance
* 3 hours – flight training solely by reference to instruments (Dual)
* 3 hours – flight training in preparation for the practical test
* 5 hours – Solo Cross-Country flight
* One Solo Cross-Country of at least 150 nautical miles distance
* 3 Takeoffs, 3 Landings to a fill stop at a controlled airport

Consult Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) part 61 for detailed requirements

Estimated Cost (Dependent upon the individual student): $6000 - $9500

**Practical Test**

The final stage of flight training focuses on preparing the Student Pilots for the Practical Test, also known as the checkride. All maneuvers are performed to the Airmen Certification Standards (ACS). Current ACS guides are available for order at the Aero Club. An Oral Exam is part of the Practical Test and usually takes 2 to 3 hours to complete. Oral Test Guides are also available for order at the Aero Club. The Practical Test is administered by an FAA Certified Examiner.

Cost: $600 - $650 plus the cost of using the plane for the checkride

**Flight Physical**

Student Pilots must pass a flight physical examination administered by an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). To find an AME in your area, go to www.faa.gov and follow the links. A Medical Certificate must be issued prior to solo flight.

Cost: $100-$200

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\*This information briefly outlines the requirements and estimated expenses associated with Private Pilot flight training. Consult FAR part 61 for more detailed information.

\*Prices subject to change without notice.

\*Beale Aero Club is not responsible for changes in testing prices