

PILOT FLIGHT TRAINING

The following is presented in QnA format to commonly asked questions:

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET A PILOT LICENCE?

Pursuant to the Canadian Aviation Regulations (Canadian Law), the requirements are paraphrased in the chart below with additional explanations following:

1. AGE

17 years

1. MEDICAL FITNESS

Category 1 or 3 (see below)

3. KNOWLEDGE

•40 hours private pilot aeroplane ground school instruction

•60% overall on the written exam and in each of the 4 mandatory subjects

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXPLANATIONS

FOR REQUIREMENTS CHART ITEM NUMBER (REFERENCE CHART)

1. AGE

You may start your training and acquire a Student Pilot Permit at age 16, however you cannot get your licence until age 17.

1. MEDICAL

In order to solo, you must have a valid medical. This can only be provided by doctor approved to conduct aviation medical exams. The cost of the medical is about \$100 (up to \$150) and is not covered by OHIP or the school. The LCA staff can assist you with finding an approved doctor or you can google: Civil Aviation Medical Examiners.

LAKE COUNTRY AIRWAYS...

is pleased to announce the re-opening of its flight school offering training to the public for the acquisition of the following Canadian licences:

- PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE
- SEAPLANE (FLOAT) RATING
- NIGHT RATING.

4. EXPERIENCE

•45 hours private pilot flight training (maximum 5 hours simulator or FTD)

•17 hours dual which must include:

- 3 hours dual cross- country training
- 5 hours instrument training

•12 hours solo practice including

- 5 hours solo cross-country (including a flight of 150nm with two full stop landings at points other than departure.

5. SKILLS

Flight Test to be completed within 12 months of writing the Transport Canada exam.

3. KNOWLEDGE

Pilot candidates may elect one (or both) of the following options:

- Attend a ground school course (when offered by the school usually one per calendar year),OR
- Complete the ground school requirement "on- line" at home.

In either case, pilot candidates must pass the Transport Canada written exam with a minimum mark of 60%.

4. EXPERIENCE

The 45-hour flight time, outlined in the chart, represents the legal "minimum requirement". It does not, however, provide an accurate reflection of the national average.

Most individuals, that are "new" to aviation and have average ability, will require about 60 hours of flight instruction in order to be prepared for the flight test (conducted by a Transport Canada authorized flight test examiner).



CAN I GET A JOB WITH A PRIVATE LICENCE?

NO

In order to get a job (flying), pilots must have (at the very least) a Canadian Commercial Pilot Licence. If the objective is to fly for an airline, pilots must have an Airline Transport Pilot Licence.

If you travel for your current business, you may utilize an aircraft for that travel and charge back (your company or boss) the operational cost of the aircraft as long as it is incidental to the business, i.e. "you would have gone there anyway (probably by car)". You may NOT charge any "pilot fees".



WHAT DOES IT COST TO GET A PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE?

A current price schedule for products, services and fees (and government fees) is available at the LCA front desk.

ARE THERE ANY GOVERNMENT GRANTS OR FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AVAILABLE?

Currently, there are no grants available, however parts of the Private Pilot Licence, Commercial Pilot Licence and additional ratings can be claimed if you intend on pursuing a career in aviation and you are a Canadian citizen.

The tuition and portions of the flight training are tax deductible, however club membership fees and textbooks are not.

