



# COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE (CPL)

## Cost Breakdown

The aim of the Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) course is to train PPL licence holders to a commercial standard, allowing the holder to be remunerated for flying. The course is 25 hours, however, if you are a holder of an Instrument Rating (IR) then the course can be reduced by 10 hours.

There is a minimum requirement of five hours within the course that needs to be conducted on complex aircraft (variable pitch propeller and retractable undercarriage). The skills test also has to be conducted on a complex aircraft.

The following are the various options you can choose from, depending on if you hold an IR and what aircraft you would like to complete your course on.

### OPTION 1 - for those who have already completed the Instrument Rating (IR):

15 hours flying time: £4,925 (based on minimum hours; 10 hours in PA28 and 5 hours in PA28-R Arrow)

or

15 hours flying time: £6,300 (based on minimum hours; 10 hours Diamond DA40 and 5 hours Diamond DA42 NG)

**Flight Test:** CAA Examiner Fee - £924  
Aircraft hire - approximately £500 in a PA28-R Arrow or £1080 in a Diamond DA42 NG (approx 2 hours)

### OPTION 2 - for those who have NOT completed the Instrument Rating (IR):

25 hours flying time: £8,125 (based on minimum hours; 20 hours in PA28 and 5 hours in PA28-R Arrow)

or

25 hours flying time: £9,600 (based on minimum hours; 20 hours in DA40 and 5 hours in Diamond DA42 NG)

**Flight Test:** CAA Examiner Fee - £924  
Aircraft hire - approximately £500 in a PA28-R Arrow or £1080 in a Diamond DA42 NG (approx 2 hours)

### Other costs to think about:

**Landing / Circuit Fees:** When you visit other aerodromes they will charge for these. Estimate around £100 to cover all of these as an estimation however the number of circuits you will do is performance-based.

**Membership:** £20 per month (or £140 a year upfront).

**Equipment:** Given you need to be a PPL holder to start the CPL, you should have the majority of the flight equipment needed for the course, except for the CRP1 flight computer and checklist for the aircraft you choose to fly. These should cost approximately £56 combined.

**CAA Fees:** The CAA will charge you to process your licence. This will be around £286 to have your licence issued plus a courier fee of around £15.

**Ground School:** We don't charge for the ground briefings prior to flights and there is no compulsory ground school.

**Headset:** Due to Covid-19, it is now mandatory to have your own headset.

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## Training Prices (per hour):

For any hours required in excess of the minimum training course, charges are as follows:

PA28:	£320
PA28-R Arrow:	£345 (or £250 when self-hiring for the skills test)
Diamond DA40 Single Engine:	£330
Diamond DA42 NG Multi-engine:	£600 (or £540 when self-hiring for the skills test)

## Pre-Requisites:

The following requirements will need to be met prior to the commencement of training:

You must hold the following:

- A PPL licence (UK or ICAO)
- A Night rating
- A Class 1 UK Medical.

You must have completed:

- 200 hours total flying time prior to the skills test, 100 of which must be pilot-in-command (PIC)
- 20 hours cross-country flight time as pilot-in-command
- The cross-country flight time must include a qualifying 540 km (300nm) cross-country flight (with landings at two separate aerodromes)
- The ATPL or CPL exams.

The minimum age for the issue of a CPL licence is 18 years.

## Course Theory Exams:

The ATPL or CPL exams must be completed prior to starting the CPL course.

## Please note...

The CPL skills test must be completed within 36 months of the passing your last theory exam.

All stated training hours are the minimum required by the regulatory authority before applying for a skills test. Weather, aircraft serviceability and personal learning capacity may increase the duration of the course.

Prices current as of 1st November 2023 and inclusive of VAT, landing fees at Elstree and instructor charges where applicable. These prices are subject to change without notice in unforeseen circumstances.



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