









FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR COURSE (FIC)

Cost Breakdown

Course Length:

The course consists of 30 hours of flight training (5 of which will be done with another student on the course), and 125 hours of theoretical studying and a practical skills test at the end. There are no theoretical exams.

Skills Test:

The skills test will start with a long and a short brief on the aviation related theoretical knowledge required for the PPL training, during which you will demonstrate your ability to engage with the student with the use of training aids. This will be followed by a flight of roughly 1.5 hours, testing your ability to teach an exercise from the PPL syllabus. Entry and recovery from a spin will also be required to be demonstrated.

Course Pre-requisites:

The following requirements must have been met prior to the commencement of the course:

- You must be 18 years old or above.
- You need to be a holder of a valid PPL or CPL.
- Hold a valid Class 1 or 2 Medical.
- You must have passed all the ATPL or CPL theory exams unless you are planning on becoming a LAPL instructor instead of a PPL instructor.
- A pre-entry assessment flight must be completed within six months of starting the course and cannot be counted towards the course hours.
- 10 hours of instrument flight time.
- 30 hours SEP flight time (a minimum of 5 to have been flown in the last 6 months).
- 200 hours total flight time.
- A 300nm Qualifying Cross Country flight logged, including two full-stop landings at two separate airfields.

Course Cost:

Cessna 152 - £9,600 Piper PA28 - £10,200

Other costs to think about:

CAA Charges: When processing your application, the CAA will charge you a fee. This will be around £131 to have the rating

added to your licence plus a courier fee of around £15. See the CAA Scheme of charges on their website at

the time of your application for an accurate cost.

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

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

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 January 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.

