



COMMAND FLIGHT TRAINING

PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE (UPGRADE FROM RPL)

What is a PPL?

A Private Pilot Licence (PPL) is a Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) issued flight crew licence that entitles the pilot to the freedom of flying anywhere within Australia as a private operation. A PPL is the enabler to that weekend getaway that was a little too hard to get to or a bit too far to drive. A PPL is typically desired by those who wish to fly recreationally, either by hiring an aircraft or owning their own aircraft. In addition, those who wish to pursue a professional aviation career require a PPL as the first step towards a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL).

At a Glance:

- Our PPL consists of two distinct components – flight training and theory training. These are taught concurrently so you will master the practical while engaged with the theoretical.
- A PPL allows the holder to act as pilot in command of any aircraft they are qualified to fly in under 5700KG – you can add on Multi Engine Aircraft, Instrument, Aerobatics and Formation privileges to your PPL!
- A PPL allows the holder to fly in controlled airspace, in and out of controlled aerodromes and cross-country.

What is involved?

The Command PPL training syllabus is CASA approved and allows for the maximum level of flexibility and tailoring to the student's individual needs. The minimum requirements are:

- 35 hours total flight time including:
 - 10 hours total pilot in command (5 hours must be cross country navigation)
 - 2 hours Dual instrument time
- Pass a CASA PPL Exam
- Pass a CASA PPL Flight Test
- Be 17 years old on the day of the Flight Test
- Hold a Class 1 or 2 Aviation Medical
- Hold an Aviation Security Identity Card (ASIC)

Important: An RPL is NOT required to achieve PPL, the RPL is an extra step along the way.

Where Can a PPL take you?

Once enjoying the freedom that comes with a PPL, you may wish to explore further options to advance your skills as a pilot.

- Complete Design Feature endorsements: Manual Propeller Pitch Control, Retractable Undercarriage and Tailwheel. These allow you to fly a range of higher performance aircraft!
- Upgrade to Multi Engine Aeroplanes. Go faster and further with more of your friends and family!
- Get your Private Instrument Flight Rating (PIFR). This allows you to fly on days that Visual Flight isn't possible and will make you a substantially safer pilot!
- Complete your Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL). Your CPL will entitle you to work as a professional pilot and be paid for doing what you love!

What does it cost?

Flight Component	
Dual Instruction Piper Cherokee PA28/Cessna Skyhawk 172 35 hours @ \$420.00 per hour*	\$14,700.00
Private Pilot Ground Briefings—20 Hours @ \$80.00 per hour*	\$1,600.00
PPL Flight Test + Dual PA28/C172 (3 hours @ \$420.00 per hour)*	\$1960.00
Other Expenses	
PPL Written Exam	\$270.00
Class 2 Aviation Medical (if not completed prior)	\$350.00* (approx.)
Private Pilot Nav Kit	\$160.00
Approximate Cost	\$19,040

*Prices are Current as of 23/04/23 and are subject to change, a fuel surcharge may also be incurred

^ Command Flight Training does not control these prices and are therefore subject to change

NOTE:

- Everyone learns at a different pace...If something takes a little bit longer, invest early in your training and get it right!
- Prices are subject to change due to varied cost of operation – we will always let you know before this happens.
- Visit www.casa.gov.au for more specific information about current rules and regulations.