



COMMAND FLIGHT TRAINING

COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE

What is a CPL?

A Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) is a CASA issued flight crew licence that authorises you to conduct private and commercial operation.

At a glance:

- A CPL is the minimum licence you will require to work as a pilot.
- You have all the same privileges as you would under a PPL but you will be able to operate an aircraft commercially under an Aircraft Operators Certificate.
- Through your CPL training you will gain a much greater theoretical understanding of all aspects of flight and start applying your flying skills to commercial scenarios.

What is involved?

Gaining a CPL will take time as you build your hours and experience up to the level required under the CASA Manual of Standards.

At Command Flight Training, we will work with you to make sure a customised program works with your schedule to meet both your timeframes and personal circumstances.

The minimum requirements set by CASA for a CPL are:

- Hold a PPL Licence
- 200 hours total flight time including:
 - 100 hours as pilot in command
 - 20 hours as pilot in command on cross-country navigation
 - 10 hours Dual Instrument time
- Pass the 7 CPL theory exams: Aerodynamics, Air Law, Aircraft General Knowledge, Flight Planning, Human Factors, Meteorology, and Navigation
- Pass a CPL Flight Test
- Hold a Class 1 aviation medical
- At least 18 years old
- Fly higher performance aircraft – Manual Propeller Pitch Control Endorsement

Where Can a CPL take you?

Once you are a Commercial Pilot, there are plenty of options for the future! You can start working in the busy aviation industry for any number of different dream jobs! Some of the options to add onto your licence include:

- Multi Engine Class Rating
- Instrument Rating
- Instructor Rating
- Low Level Rating
- Agricultural Rating (crop-dusting & fire-bombing)

What does it cost?

Flight Component	
PPL (50hrs)	\$20,790
Hour building in Cessna 152 - 130hrs @ \$260/hr	\$33,800
Dual Instruction CPL Training - Cessna 172RG 20 hours @ \$410 per hour	\$8200
RU + MPPC Endorsements	\$300
Various airway/landing fees (variable)	\$200
CPL Flight Test + Cessna 172RG (3 hours @ \$410/hr)	\$2080
Other Expenses	
7x CPL Written Exams conducted by ASL Exam Centres	\$1085
7x CPL Theory Textbooks*	\$3400
Class 1 Aviation Medical*	\$500
Approximate Cost	\$70,355

NOTE:

- The costs of the CPL training can vary significantly depending on which aircraft is used for the bulk of your hour building
- Prices quoted are minimums, everyone learns at a different pace. If something takes a little bit longer, invest early in your training and get it right!
- Prices current as of 01/04/21
- 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.