



COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE (CPL)

Now you have completed your Private Pilots License (PPL) it is time to 'Spread your wings'. With the Commercial Pilots License (CPL) you may fly for hire or reward. With correct training for your PPL and RPL the foundation for your CPL is assured.

“What additional training do I need for the CPL?”

Flight training for the CPL begins after you have completed your PPL training. From PPL to CPL an additional 90 hours solo and 40 hours dual are required. The course structure allows you to train in a variety of aircraft such as Cessna 172, Piper Dakota, Cirrus and Cessna 172 Retractable. Your training will extend to destinations in Western Queensland and New South Wales.

There is also a theory component to the CPL syllabus. You will be examined on topics including aerodynamics, aircraft performance, air law, navigation, meteorology, aircraft systems and human factors. Students may self-study for these exams or may undertake a course either at Southern Skies Aviation or with a commercial provider, such as Bob Tait at Redcliffe or Aviation Transport Professionals in Brisbane.

“Who can get a CPL?”

A person who is at least 18 years old and has passed the CPL theory exams, has completed the minimum required hours and holds a medical license is eligible to attempt the CPL flight test.

“How long will it take to get a CPL?”

The course structure of the CPL allows students to have a tailored training program to complete their license around everyday life. Full time courses, including the RPL, PPL and CPL would take approximately one year.

“So how much will it cost?”

The CPL component at Southern Skies Aviation is based on an average 200 hour course with dual instruction and solo consolidation. The average cost is around \$55,000, which includes the flight time mentioned as well as the required briefings. A CPL theory course is available and is conducted on an “as required” basis. Individual tuition is available, contact us for rates.

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“So when can I begin training?”

Whether your aim is the RPL, PPL or CPL, your training may be commenced as soon as you are ready. You will be flying an aeroplane from the pilot’s seat from your first day.

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

CASA designates minimum aeronautical experience requirements and sets flight test standards for each license category. Our courses are designed to train each student to meet these pre-determined standards and training programmes can therefore vary slightly from one individual to another.

Having read this overview, you may well have questions that remain unanswered. Southern Skies Aviation is open seven days, so please accept our invitation to meet with us to discuss how our training services may be utilised to support your aviation needs.

COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE (CPL) ESTIMATE COURSE COST BREAKDOWN

50 Hours Pilot in Command	Cessna 172	@ \$315/hr	\$15,750
20 Hours Pilot in Command	Cirrus SR20	@ \$345/hr *	\$ 6,900
20 Hours Pilot in Command	Cessna 172RG	@ \$330/hr *	\$ 6,600
90 TOTAL Pilot in Command	(*or Equivalent)		\$29,250
25 Hours Dual Instruction	Cessna 172	@ \$396/hr	\$ 9,900
10 Hours Dual Instruction	Cirrus SR20	@ \$461/hr *	\$ 4,610
15 Hours Dual Instruction	Cessna 172RG	@ \$436/hr *	\$ 6,540
50 TOTAL Dual Instruction	(*or Equivalent)		\$50,300
50 Hours Ground Instruction		@ \$60/hr	\$ 3,000
CPL Theory & Text Book			\$ 450
CPL Theory Exams (Provided through ASL Exams)			\$ 1,120
CPL Flight Test	3.5 Hours	@ \$330/hr	\$ 1,160
CPL Flight Test Officer			\$ 990
TOTAL Theory Cost			\$ 6,720
SUB TOTAL			\$57,020

TOTAL ESTIMATE (RPL, PPL, CPL) = \$87,652

FLIGHT TRAINING FOR THE REAL WORLD....

The flight times listed are based on our experience of the average hours required to achieve the license. The appropriate rates will apply for additional training. Some training may be subject to GST (not included in the above prices). Southern Skies Aviation is also required to collect landing fees on behalf of Archerfield Airport Corporation and other airports as well as Air Service charges, and as these rates vary the costs are not included in the above scenario. Prices are current as of the 5th September 2017, but are subject to change without notice.