



Commercial Pilot Program – Cessna 172S (TAA)

A Commercial Pilot License (CPL) permits the holder to be compensated for flying, meaning that the pilot will now be rated to fly for hire. This license opens the door for a career in aviation as a professional pilot. To be eligible for a Commercial Pilot License, applicants must hold at least a private pilot license (PPL), but an instrument rating (IR) is advised. A second-class medical certificate is required to use commercial privileges. A minimum of 250 hours of flight time is required, including 100 hours of pilot-in-command time and 50 hours of cross-country flight. In addition, you will need at least 10 hours of instrument training and 10 hours in a complex aircraft.

| Description | Number | Units | Rate | Costs* |
|---|--------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Instructor Pilot (IP) Costs: | | | | |
| Ground Instruction | 15 | Instruction Hrs | \$85.00 | \$1,275.00 |
| Flight Instruction | 15 | Instruction Hrs | \$85.00 | \$1,275.00 |
| Checkride Prep/Endorsement | 3 | Instrucion Hrs | \$85.00 | \$255.00 |
| Total Pilot Instructor Time & Costs: | 33 | | | \$2,805.00 |
| Aircraft Rental Costs: | | | | |
| Aircraft Rental Costs– Cessna 172S | 15 | Flight Hrs | \$149.00 | \$2,235.00 |
| Fuel (assumes average 7 GPH) | 119 | Gallons | \$6.70 | \$797.00 |
| Checkride Aircraft Rental Costs | 2 | Flight Hrs | \$149.00 | \$298.00 |
| Total Aircraft Rental Costs: | 17 | | | \$3,330.00 |

Summary:

| | Instructor | Airplane | Total |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Commercial Certificate | \$2,805.00 | \$3,330.00 | \$6,135.00 |

*This cost estimate assumes the minimum flight hours required by FAA Regulation. It should be noted that it is not common to complete your training within these times.