

Private Pilot Program – Cessna 172K

A Private Pilot License (PPL) is the most popular certificate held and a great place to start for those who are serious about learning how to fly. As a private pilot, you are required to obtain a third-class FAA medical certificate and pass a private pilot airplane knowledge and practical exam. The FAA minimum for the Private Pilot License is 40 hours of flight time, 10 of these hours as solo. Once this license is achieved, you will be able to act as pilot-in-command in a single-engine aircraft under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

| Description | Number | Units | Rate | Costs* |
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| Flight Instructor Costs: | | | | |
| Ground Instruction | 20 | Instruction Hrs | \$75.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Flight Instruction | 40 | Instruction Hrs | \$75.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Checkride Prep/Endorsement | 3 | Instruction Hrs | \$75.00 | \$225.00 |
| Total Pilot Instructor Time & Costs: | 63 Instruction Hours | | | \$4,725.00 |
| Aircraft Rental Costs: | | | | |
| Aircraft Rental – Cessna 172K | 40 | Flight Hrs | \$130.00 | \$5,200.00 |
| Checkride Rental – Cessna 172K | 2 | Flight Hrs | \$130.00 | \$260.00 |
| Fuel (assumes average 6 GPH) | 252 | Gallons | \$9.10 | \$2,293.20 |
| Total Aircraft Rental Costs: | 42 Flight Hrs & 252 Gallons | | \$7,753.20 | |
| Summary: | | | | |
| | | Instructor | Airplane | Total |
| Private Pilot Certificate | | \$4,725.00 | \$7,753.20 | \$12,478.20 |

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. The Average Client will complete their goals closer to 55 hours.