



Commercial Pilot Program – Cessna 172N

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*
Flight Instructor 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	Instruction Hrs	\$85.00	\$255.00
Total Pilot Instructor Time & Costs:	33	Instruction Hrs		\$2,805.00
Aircraft Rental Costs:				
Aircraft Rental – Cessna 172N	15	Flight Hrs	\$139.00	\$2,085.00
Checkride Rental – Cessna 172N	2	Flight Hrs	\$139.00	\$278.00
Fuel (assumes average 6 GPH)	102	Gallons	\$9.10	\$928.20
Total Aircraft Rental Costs:	17 Flight Hrs & 102 Gallons			\$3,291.20

Summary:

	Instructor	Airplane	Total
Commercial Certificate	\$2,805.00	\$3,291.20	\$6,096.20

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.