

This table shows your total time and intermediate steps to reach the requested 1500 hours flight time for your ATP. Your actual training phase for the ATP is very short (about 20 hours) compared to the requested total time (1500 hrs). One of your main goals of this career phase is to build up those hours preferably by earning some money. If managed well, this phase should not take more than two years.

So far done	250 hrs	->Accumulated hours by completing the CPL rating. If you also completed the Instructor ratings you will wind up with about 300 hours of total time.
Hour building Phase	300 hrs	Flight instruction, banner towing, ferry pilot, corporate pilot, glider towing, etc.
	400 hrs	
Part 135 VFR	500 hrs	Allows you to work for a part 135 carrier under VFR conditions. To exercise privileges you need a second class medical.
Hour building Phase	600 hrs	Flight instruction, banner towing, ferry pilot, corporate pilot, glider towing, working for an air-taxi or air-cargo company under VFR conditions
	700 hrs	
	800 hrs	
	900 hrs	
	1000 hrs	
	1100 hrs	
Part 135 IFR	1200 hrs	Allows you to work for a part 135 carrier under VFR and IFR conditions. To exercise privileges you need a second class medical.
Hour building Phase	1300 hrs	Working for an air-taxi or air-cargo company under VFR and IFR conditions.
	1400 hrs	
ATP Training Phase	1480 hrs	ATP Training Phase. We suggest about 20 hours of multi-engine training for a ME-ATP. The actual needed hours depend on your experience and currency level. In most cases it's between 5 and 10 hours.
	1500 hrs	
	Checkride	ATP Checkride
Open for an airline job	1500 hrs +	From this point you are open to work for an airline. To exercise pertinent privileges you need a first class medical. Airline entry requirements vary. Some request more than 1500 hours of total time. In any case, you are better off when having the following credentials: a) A substantial amount of multiengine hours b) Some Turbine time (turbo-prop/ turbo-fan) c) Instructor ratings plus decent experience