

Instrument Rating (IFR) - Basic Facts

Minimum Age: 17

Maximum Age: There is no age limit as long as you have a valid aviation medical exam and can perform aircraft operation safely.

Other Requirements: You need to be able to read, understand and speak the English language. A completed PPL and 50 hours of Cross Country PIC (Pilot In Command) time. Your PIC cross country time from your PPL will count toward the requested 50 hours cross country time.

Duration: Full time (6 days a week 9AM to 6PM) 2- 3 weeks. Part time 3 lessons per week: 3 - 4 months.

Program: A total of 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time of which at least 15 have to be done with an authorized instructor. In most cases we do all 40 hours with the instructor since this provides better technical assistance by going through the course. Our PCATD (Personal Computer Advanced Training Device) qualifies for 10 hours of the above 40. This means you can do 10 hours in the Simulator and 30 hours in the aircraft of your choice. (All our aircraft are IFR certified).

Theory is done with the instructor on a 1:1 basis. We also offer online courses and classes. You have to pass an instrument written test.

Written Test: Question pool about 900 questions, multiple choice 3 answers. Actual test 60 questions. Minimum passing rate 70%. Test preparation books: Gleim, Jeppesen.

Instructors: Our instrument instructors are well trained and experienced. During your training they also will do some actual time with you so you will get the real touch of IFR flying.

Airport: Our airport has a variety of approaches available, such as ILS, GPS, WAAS, VOR and NDB. During an approach procedure you are under radar and well controlled by Tampa Approach and St. Pete Tower.

Available Aircraft for IFR Training: Igate Simulator (10 hrs), C152, C172, C182, Piper Warrior, Piper Lance, Piper Seneca I, Piper Seneca III.

Books and Syllabus: Jeppesen, Cessna or Machado.

Average Length of a Lesson: about 3 hours

Costs: Starting at \$ 5000.--