

Private Pilot License (PPL) - Basic Facts

Minimum Age: 17, you can start the course with 16 and even perform solo flights. But you need to be 17 to complete the course taking the PPL exam.

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 should be able to read, understand and speak the English language. You must not be on any medication which is on the 'FAA forbidden list'.

Duration: Full time (6 days a week 9AM to 5PM): 3 -4 weeks. Part time 3 lessons per week: 5 to 7 months.

Program: A minimum of 40 hours flight time of which 30 are flown with the instructor and 10 hours are flown Solo. (5 Solo hours local and 5 Solo hours Cross Country). Theory is done with the instructor on a 1:1 individualized study program. We also offer online courses and classes.

Written Test: Question Pool about 750 questions, multiple choice 3 answers. Actual Test 60 questions. Minimum passing rate 70%. Test preparation books: Gleim, Jeppesen.

Instructors: We only hire experienced instructors with a professional background and a good safety record. We only have dedicated personnel who cares for your progress and success.

Company Record: American Flying Adventures is in business for 15 years and is known for excellent service and for its first class aircraft fleet.

Airport: We train at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport (KPIE). Since we have a Control Tower, long runways and even radar service from Tampa, our airport is one of the safest training environment in the area.

Available Aircraft for PPL Training: Cessna 152, Cessna 172, new Cessna 172 (Glass Cockpit) and Piper Warrior.

Books and Syllabus: Jeppesen, Cessna or Machado.

Average Length of a Lesson: Typical lesson time is about 2.5 hours. We usually start with some ground school, do the pre-flight inspection and wind up with about one hour of flight time and then meet for a post briefing. As you progress through the program and arrive at the Cross Country section of the Syllabus, a lesson can last up to 5 hours.

Costs: Costs depend on total hours flown and choice of training aircraft. Minimum pricing is about \$ 6500.- with everything included. Also visit the **Pricing** section for more data.