

SUPERIOR
AVIATION GATEWAY



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HOW TO
BECOME A PILOT

How to become a Pilot

1. Decide what type of Pilot you want to become. There are many different careers as a Pilot. (average pay grade)

Regional Airline Pilot	35,000.00 TO 130,000.00
Major Airline Pilot	80,000.00 TO 300,000.00
Cargo Pilot	60,000.00 TO 300,000.00
Corporate Pilot	20,000.00 TO 200,000.00
Flight Instructor	20,000.00 TO 60,000.00
Ferry Pilot	20,000.00 TO 50,000.00
Banner Towing	15,000.00
Sight Seeing Pilot	15,000.00
Crop Duster Pilot	15,000.00 TO 45,000.00
Sky Diver Pilot	15,000.00 TO 30,000.00
Medical Evacuation Pilot	20,000.00 TO 120,000.00
Humanitarian Pilot	20,000.00 TO 60,000.00
Pipe Line Patrol Pilot	20,000.00
Border Patrol Pilot	40,000.00
Fire Fighting or Forestry Pilot	60,000.00 TO 110,000.00

2. Set up an initial meeting with a flight instructor.

This meeting will take about an hour. You will need to bring your driver's license and Passport to prove US citizenship. The instructor will add you to the online scheduler and teach you how to schedule your lessons. Together, you will apply for your Student Pilot Certificate on IACRA.gov. You will purchase your pilot supplies and be instructed on what to read and what videos to watch prior to each flight.

3. Get an Aviation Medical Exam. This must be completed prior to solo by an approved FAA Aviation Medical Examiner.

Different classes of Medical Exams

1st class- generally required by ATP (Airline Transport Pilot)

2nd class- generally required by Commercial Pilot.

3rd class - for Student Pilot and Private Pilot.

4. Certificates and Ratings.

Student Pilot Certificate cost: FREE

Requirements

- Be able to speak, write and understand English.
- Be at least 16 years of age to fly solo.
- 3rd class Medical.



Private Pilot Certificate – Average Cost is \$9,000.00

requirements

- Be able to speak, write and understand English.
- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.

What can you do as a Private Pilot?

- Fly Day or Night in good weather
- Fly Family and Friends.
- Cannot get paid for flying.

Instrument Rating

- Learn to navigate and fly by using the flight instruments and navigation equipment
- You can fly in clouds now.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.

Commercial Pilot Certificate

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have at least 250hrs of Flight Time.
- Training geared towards passenger safety and comfort.
- Expect higher level of precision.
- Allows you to get paid for flying.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.

Multi-Engine Rating

- Multi-engine aircraft have very different handling and performance characteristics than single engine. Most commercial jobs require a multi-engine rating.
- No written exam required. Oral and Flight Exam required.

Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP)

- It is the highest level of all flying certificates.
- Requires 1500 hours of flight time.
- Required to fly Airline or Cargo Pilot (ex. Delta, United, UPS, Fedex)
- Pass written, oral and flight exam



5. How do you accumulate 1,500hrs?

Once you have a Commercial Pilot Certificate with Multi-Engine rating you can pretty much land any job as a pilot except Airlines or Cargo and start building hrs.

or get a

Certified Flight Instructor Certificate

- Teach people how to fly, get PIC (Pilot in Command) time and get paid also.
- It's the fastest way of building flight time while getting paid
- Pass written, oral and flying test.
- Not required to get your ATP but its fast way of accumulating flight time

Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument

- Teach people how to fly in clouds.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.
- Not required to get to ATP but its fast way of accumulating hrs.

Multi-Engine Instructor

- Teach people to fly planes with more than one engine.
- Pass oral and flight test. No written exam required
- Not required to get to ATP but its fast way of accumulating multi-engine flight time.

For more information or to contact one of our flight instructors, visit us on the web at www.SuperiorAviationGateway.com or call us at (813) 622-8359 .

