

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

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.
- should have at least 3rd class Medical.

**Private Pilot Certificate** cost: 10k (average)

requirements

- be able to speak, write and understand English.
  - be at least 17 years of age.
- what can you do as a Private Pilot.
- Fly Family and Friends.
  - cannot get paid for flying.
  - Pass written, oral and flying test.

**Instrument Rating** to Private Pilot Certificate cost:12k (average)

- will teach you how to navigate and fly by using the Instrument in the Flight Deck alone.
- you can fly in clouds now.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.

**Commercial Pilot Certificate** cost: 15k (average)

- 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** cost: 7k (average)

- multi-engine aircraft have very different handling and performance characteristics than single engine. Most commercial jobs require a multi-engine rating.

**Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP)** cost: 10k (average)

- it is the top level of all flying certificates.
- it requires 1500hr of flight time.
- needed to become an Airline or Cargo Pilot (ex. Delta, United, UPS, Fedex)
- Pass written, oral and flying test.

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** cost: 5k (average)

- teach people how to fly, get PIC (Pilot in Command) time and get paid also.
- it is fastest way of building hrs.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.
- not required to get to ATP but its fast way of accumulating hrs.

**Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument** cost: 3k (average)

- 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** cost: 12k (average)

- teach people to fly planes with more than one engine.
- Pass written, oral and flying test.
- not required to get to ATP but its fast way of accumulating hrs.

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