

COMMERCIAL PILOT – SINGLE ENGINE



The Commercial Pilot Certificate allows the pilot to operate for compensation or hire under specific limitations found in the Federal Aviation Regulations. Commercial Pilots cannot “hold out” their services to the public, nor can they engage in air commerce by way of scheduled or charter operations. Such charter or scheduled operations would call for a Part 135 or 121 certificate which would allow them to operate as an “air carrier”.

Regulatory limitations aside, commercial pilots may conduct operations such as ferrying aircraft, crop dusting, firefighting, photo flights, surveying & mapping, powerline or pipeline patrol, parachute jump operations, banner towing, sight-seeing tours within 25 nm of the airport and a hand full of other operations. Additionally, if the commercial pilot meets the hiring minimums of any one specific airline, they can work for that company as a pilot!

Be aware that you will need a total of 250 hours of flight experience to qualify for a commercial pilot certificate. The next 2 pages will provide 4 pricing scenarios, these are;

Scenario 1: “FAA minimums for certification – paying as you go – and you ” This pricing scenario assumes you completed ALL your prior training at FAA minimums, leaving you short 120 hours of flight time to build to qualify for the certificate, and you are NOT receiving a flight account user discount.

Scenario 2: “FAA minimums for certification – using a flight account” – This pricing scenario assumes you completed ALL your prior training at FAA minimums, leaving you short 120 hours of flight time to build to qualify for the certificate but you are receiving the flight account user discount.

Scenario 3: “Average time most people take – paying as you go” – This pricing scenario assumes you completed ALL your prior training at a national average rate, leaving you short 90 hours of flight time to build to qualify for the certificate. It assumes you are NOT receiving a flight account user discount.

Scenario 4: “Average time most people take – using a flight account” – This pricing scenario assumes you completed ALL your prior training at a national average rate, leaving you short 90 hours of flight time to build to qualify for the certificate. It assumes you ARE receiving a flight account user discount.

SCENARIO 1:

PAY AS YOU GO PLAN: This scenario assumes you completed ALL prior certificates and ratings exactly at FAA minimums, AND you complete this certificate at FAA minimums, AND you are NOT taking advantage of a flight account user discount.

You'll need 120 hours of time building	\$22,200.00
20 hours with an instructor	\$1,200.00
In classroom ground school	\$450.00
FAA Written Exam	\$175.00
Course Materials	\$275.00
Check Ride Fee	\$1,000.00
Estimated Total	\$25,300.00

SCENARIO 2:

FLIGHT ACCOUNT PLAN: This scenario assumes you completed ALL prior certificates and ratings exactly at FAA minimums, AND you complete this certificate at FAA minimums, AND you ARE taking advantage of a flight account user discount.

You'll need 120 hours of time building	\$20,400.00
20 hours with an instructor	\$1,200.00
In classroom ground school	\$450.00
FAA Written Exam	\$175.00
Course Materials	\$275.00
Check Ride Fee	\$1,000.00
Estimated Total	\$23,500.00

SCENARIO 3:

PAY AS YOU GO PLAN: This scenario assumes you completed ALL prior certificates and ratings at the average rate most students require, AND you complete this certificate at FAA the average rate most students require, AND you are NOT taking advantage of a flight account user discount.

You'll need 90 hours of time building	\$16,650.00
30 hours with an instructor	\$1,800.00
In classroom ground school	\$450.00
FAA Written Exam	\$175.00
Course Materials	\$275.00
Check Ride Fee	\$1,000.00
Estimated Total	\$20,350.00

SCENARIO 4:

FLIGHT ACCOUNT PLAN: This scenario assumes you completed ALL prior certificates and ratings at the average rate most students require, AND you complete this certificate at FAA the average rate most students require, AND you ARE taking advantage of a flight account user discount.

You'll need 90 hours of time building	\$15,300.00
30 hours with an instructor	\$1,800.00
In classroom ground school	\$450.00
FAA Written Exam	\$175.00
Course Materials	\$275.00
Check Ride Fee	\$1,000.00
Estimated Total	\$19,000.00