



Training towards your Commercial Pilot's Licence



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What Can I Do with A CPL?

With a PPL you can carry passengers with you when you fly, although you are not able to charge for your services. However, with a CPL you can fly an aircraft with passengers for hire and reward. This means that you can work as a pilot in a commercial setting and get paid for your work. Along with this you maintain all the privileges of your PPL licence.

How Old Do I Have to be to Start Training?

You can start flight training at any age. To sit the CPL flight test and apply for the licence you must be at least 18 years old.

What Medical Requirements Are There?

Unlike your PPL licence for the CPL licence, you will require a CAA class one medical certificate. This is issued following a medical examination by a Civil Aviation Authority designated medical examiner. There are designated medical examiner in Rotorua. This is The Te Ngae Medical Centre. The medical requirements for a Class 1 medical are not onerous and there is more focus upon eyesight however glasses are usually ok.

What is the Rotorua Aero club.

Welcome to the Rotorua Aero Club, our focus is on providing a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for aviation enthusiasts to come together and socialise with like-minded members and aviators who are active in the local aviation community. When the first Rotorua Aero Club formed in c1930, members were responsible for constructing a landing strip on land that was part of the State Forestry block. Rotorua Aero club later initiated an amalgamation with others in the Bay of Plenty. Rotorua and Bay of Plenty Aero Club was duly formed in 1938 with Mayor T. Jackson as its president, at this time Mr. S.J. Blackmore, of Hamilton, had agreed to act as an instructor, he also owned the aircraft, a Sports Avian, which was used until the club were able to purchase one. They then set about planning an Air Pageant for Easter even though the club did not own any aeroplanes yet. About the same time Rotorua Airways Ltd. was formed with mostly Aero Club members, some 20 men were listed as the owners. It was however a short-lived venture and they amalgamated with the Waikato Airways company in September of 1930, but had ceased business by March 1934. (Stafford, 1983)

Pilot training began and it was acknowledged that Blackmore had trained 'a record number'. (Rotorua Morning Post, 1941). Their first fully qualified pilot was Mr Basil Smith (New Zealand Herald, 1939) In 1935 Stan Blackmore, (Previously of Hamilton Airways Ltd c1929 and Waikato Aviation c.1930) applied for permission to conduct his business from the Municipal Aerodrome. He was granted one year's full use for free because he was a licenced instructor. Stan Blackmore, known locally as 'Blackie', was also the first to make a mercy flight picking up a seriously ill person and flying the person to the Rotorua Hospital. Waikato Aviation was changed to Blackmores Air Services Ltd. in 1947 and operated in Rotorua until 1977. Blackmore's was sold to James Aviation in 1951 after Stan Blackmore retired. (Daily Post, 1983)

What Flying Hours Do I Need to Get My Licence?

Before you can sit your final flight test you must have logged the following minimum flight hours:

- 200 hours total flight time. 100 hours total solo flight time.
- 30 hours of cross-country navigation (20 of which are greater than 200nm long).
- 10 hours dual instruction in instrument flying.
- 5 hours dual instruction in basic mountain flying. If you wish to fly at night, you must also complete.
- 10 hours of night flying which must include at least 4 hours of dual instruction and
- 5 hours of solo flight. Night flying is optional and not required for the issue of a NZ CPL.

What Exams Do I Have to Pass?

You must pass CPL level written examinations in the following subjects: -

- Air Law.
- Meteorology.
- Navigation and Flight Planning.
- Aircraft Technical Knowledge.
- Human Factors.
- Principles of Flight

The level of difficulty of the exams is a step higher than the PPL exams and will require thorough study. We recommend that you begin studying for your first exam once you start your training to complete the ground theory in a timely manner. At the conclusion of your flight training, you are required to pass a practical CPL flight test in an airplane with a CAA authorised flight examiner.

Summary.

The total overall cost to get a CPL will vary depending on your progress through the exams and flight training program. From experience, we estimate the total cost for most people is about **\$48,000**. Some will do it for slightly less than that figure, some will enjoy the scenery more along the way and do it for slightly more.

This estimate is based on an extra 140 hour's total time, on top of your PPL hours. This is usually achieved by our students. Please remember that flying is competency based, total cost may vary. All the above prices are subject to change without notice and include GST.

Estimated Cost for a Commercial Pilot's Licence:

- Additional 140 Hours Flight Time (dual & solo) \$42,000
- Airways and Landing Fees \$3,000
- 6 Exams \$958
- CPL Flight Test Fee \$820.20
- CPL Books \$250
- CAA License issue fee \$231
- Total: \$48,000



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