



Welcome!

“90% ground knowledge and 10% applying it in the air, is what makes a successful pilot”

We are delighted to know that you are considering our school to achieve your goal of becoming a pilot! Here at Skyview Flight Academy, we understand that there is so much information to initially take in, but just remember we are here to guide you every step of the way. The aviation world is changing day by day, we will teach you as pilots to keep your knowledge sharp and up to current standards. We have over 17 years of experience in training *the pilots of tomorrow*, and have produced countless safe and well prepared pilots from all over the world. The staff here at Skyview Aviation is dedicated to all customers, and would like to share our *passion for aviation*. What better place than here in the heart of California? This packet is designed to provide some overall information to help get you started!

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET STARTED?

- 1. Call us to schedule your demo-flight or first lesson today!**
- 2. Bring in proof of citizenship either a birth certificate (with government issued ID) OR a passport. If you are not a US citizen you must get TSA approval at www.flightschoolcandidates.gov**
- 3. Complete our Customer Data Sheet**
- 4. Read, Sign, and Submit Rental Agreement**
- 5. Schedule a time with your CFI to apply for a Student Pilot Certificate.**
- 6. Prior to solo – Get an FAA Medial Exam - a First, Second, or Third Class.**

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Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to learn to fly and get a pilot certificate?

There are a lot of variables that affect the cost of learning to fly, including the frequency of flight lessons, weather conditions, the type of aircraft in which you are training, availability of scheduling, and individual aptitude. A rough estimate would range between \$10,000 and \$13,000 depending on the certificate being sought and student proficiency.

How long does it take to learn to fly and get a pilot certificate?

The same variables that affect the cost of learning to fly will affect the time it takes to earn your certificate. The FAA has established the minimum number of flight hours needed to obtain a certificate. Under Part 61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, the minimum is 40 hours of training for a private pilot certificate. Part 141 minimum is 35 hours due to more FAA oversight and a stricter training syllabus. However, the national average is approximately 65 hours. These flight hours can be spread over a time span of several months to a year or more depending on various factors.

What are the differences between Part 61 and Part 141 flight training?

Part 141 programs have more FAA oversight, stricter training guidelines, and additional record keeping requirements. For the added regulations, approved 141 schools are allowed to reduce the minimum number of required hours of private pilot training to 35 hours, rather than 40-hours as required by Part 61 training. The Part 61 school, on the other hand, is able to be more flexible with training schedules and has the ability to tailor the curriculum to meet individual students' training needs. Either program must train you to pass the very same practical test.

What are the age requirements for flight lessons?

You don't have to be a particular age before you can begin to take flying lessons. However, with that being said, you do have to be at least 16 years old before you can solo an airplane (14 years old for operation of a balloon or glider), and 17 before you can be issued a pilot certificate. Therefore, it may not be particularly efficient from the standpoint of cost and flight hours to begin lessons too early. There is no age limit on taking flight lessons, so long as you can qualify for a 3rd class medical or meet the standards of the Basic Med program.

What does "ground" instruction mean vs. "flight" instruction?

There are 2 types of training involved with getting your licenses/ ratings. The first is "ground" instruction, which is essentially classroom/ book work; this is where you will gain aeronautical knowledge to apply in flight. Ground instruction can be done through online training programs, one-on-one instructor lessons, group ground sessions, etc. "Flight" instruction is the practical or hands-on part of flight training with the aircraft. This is where you will gain aeronautical experience and train in the aircraft according to FAA minimum standards.



Top 10 Reasons to Train at Skyview

1. Competitive Rates

We have some of the lowest prices in the area! We strive to keep our rates as competitive as possible between the Bay Area and Central Valley!

2. Pay as-you-go System

Because our rates are based off of hourly times, you only pay for what you have trained on that particular day. We have ZERO monthly fees or club fees and do not require any down payments or deposits.

3. Online Scheduling

To help accommodate the schedules of our students & renters, we use an online based scheduling system. Each student or renter has a unique log-in to access the schedule and can book instructors and flights at their convenience.

4. Experienced Staff

Our staff has many years of experience in the aviation industry. Some having grown-up around aviation and others having extensive military backgrounds. Our Instructors have a vast amount of knowledge and training to help you in your goals to become a pilot!

5. Large Fleet

Our fleet expands as needed and currently consists of 12 airplanes, 1 Cessna 152, 6 Cessna 172's, 2 Piper Warriors, 1 Piper Arrow, and 1 Piper Seneca. We also have a Fly the Sim Touch Trainer.

6. In-House Maintenance

Having in-house maintenance services allows us to keep our planes in top shape and helps minimize any down time of our fleet.

7. Commercial Pilot/ CFI Employment Opportunities

There are employment opportunities for some of our top students! We seek Commercial Pilot's annually and are always looking to add CFI's to staff!

8. Dedicated School Building and Study Areas

Skyview Flight Academy has a dedicated building just for our flight training sector. There is an open lobby area, 4 private briefing rooms, a break room, weather room, and large classroom open to all students for studying and flight planning.

9. Practice Areas Nearby

The Tracy Municipal Airport is located in an ideal location for flight training. We are in close proximity to many practice areas without the inconvenience of having to fly in heavy traffic to get your training done.

10. Part 61 and Part 141 Training Options

We are able to offer both Part 61 and FAA approved Part 141 training programs!



PART 61 PROGRAMS

Private Pilot Program

- Be English Proficient – read, write, & speak the English language.
- Be at least 16 years of age to solo and 17 years of age for your pilot's license.
- Provide proof of U.S. Citizenship OR apply for and receive TSA approval prior to training.
- Obtain a First, Second or Third Class Medical Certificate prior to first solo.
- Hold a Student Pilot License
- A minimum of 40 hours of training, consisting of:
 - 20 hours dual instruction
 - 10 hours solo (5 of cross country)
 - 3 hours night flight
 - 3 hours basic instrument work
- Average completion time is approximately 65 hours
- Pass the FAA written exam with a minimum of 70%
- Pass a Practical Test from FAA Designated Pilot Examiner - Oral and Practical Flight portions.



Instrument Rating

- Hold a Private Pilot Certificate
- Obtain a First, Second or Third Class Medical Certificate
- Proof of Citizenship OR TSA approval prior to training
- 50 hours of PIC cross-country
- 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time
- 250 NM cross-country under simulated instrument conditions
- Pass the written exam with a minimum of 70%
- Typical completion time: 50 hours

Commercial Pilot Certificate

- Hold a Private Pilot Certificate
- Obtain a First or Second Medical Certificate
- Proof of Citizenship OR TSA approval prior to training
- Must have at least 250 hours of total time
- 100 hours of PIC
- 10 hours instrument, 10 hours complex aircraft
- 300 NM cross-country
- Pass the written exam with a minimum of 70%
- Typical completion time: 250 hours



What Type of Medical Do I Need?

It is important to understand the different types of medicals:

Medical Certificate:	First Class	Second Class	Third Class
Pilot/ License Type	Airline Transport	Commercial	Student Recreational Private
Duration of Validity	6 months if age 40 or older, 12 months if under age 40	12 months	2 years if age 40 or older, 5 years if less than 40 at exam
EKG Electrocardiogram	At age 35, and yearly after that	N/A Unless a doctor performed one.	N/A

A first class medical is required for pilots who exercise airline transport pilot (ATP) privileges; that is, those flying scheduled airliners and other pilots whose employers require this level of certification. A first class medical is valid for ATP privileges for twelve months for pilots under age 40. Pilots who are age 40 and older must renew First class medical certificates every six months. Pilots who are under 40, and the first class privileges expire after twelve months, the first class medical lapses to a third class medical.

A Second class is required for pilots who fly commercially—in operations such as crop dusting, delivering canceled checks, or carrying passengers or cargo for hire. The Second class medical is valid for commercial privileges for 12 months.

A Third class medical certificate is appropriate for student pilots, recreational pilots, and private pilots who fly for pleasure or personal business (but not for hire). A third class medical is valid for 60 months for pilots under age 40, and 24 months for applicants who are age 40 or older.



Medical Examiners Near Skyview Flight Academy

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Class Examiner: Medical Class 1, 2, 3

Name: Sanjeev Batra
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Class Examiner: Medical Class 2, 3

Name: John L Warwick
Address: 205 W Granger Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350, USA
Phone: 209-579-9930
Specialty: Family Practice/General Practice
Class Examiner: Medical Class 1, 2, 3

Name: John Toth
Address: 2270 Bacon Street, Concord, CA 94520, USA
Phone: 925-263-9488
Specialty: Family Practice/General Practice
Region: Western Pacific
Class Examiner: Medical Class 1, 2, 3

Name: Jean F. Luong
Address: 295 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, CA 95128, USA
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Specialty: Family Practice/General Practice
Class Examiner: Medical Class 1, 2, 3

Name: Rita Bermudez
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Specialty: Family Practice/General Practice
Class Examiner: Medical Class 1, 2, 3

Links:

Remember to complete medxpress prior to your appointment

<https://medxpress.faa.gov/medxpress/>

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What is the Cost of Training?

Training costs will be variable for each student. Everyone learns at different rates or may take a shorter or longer period of time to pick-up certain subject areas or flight maneuvers. Because these are variable factors, pricing will also vary per student, as our fees are primarily based off of hourly rates for the aircraft & instructor. Here are a few sample estimates for Private Pilot Training:

Approximate Flight School Expenses Private Pilot Certificate

*Minimum Requirement for a PPL is 40 Hours, the Industry Average is 75 hours.
Skyview Flight Academy Average is 55 - 60 hours.*

40 Hours		50 Hours	
Aircraft rental 40 hours @ \$139/hr	\$5,560	Aircraft rental 50 hours @ \$139/hr	\$6,950
Instructor 50 hours @ \$60/hr	\$3,000	Instructor 60 hours @ \$60/hr	\$3,600
*Books, training materials, supplies	\$500	*Books, training materials, supplies	\$500
**Medical exam	\$150	**Medical exam	\$150
**Written test fee	\$160	**Written test fee	\$160
**Examiner fee	\$800	**Examiner fee	\$800
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Total	\$10,170	Total	\$12,160
60 Hours		70 Hours	
Aircraft rental 60 hours @ \$139/hr	\$8,340	Aircraft rental 70 hours @ \$139/hr	\$9,730
Instructor 70 hours @ \$60/hr	\$4,200	Instructor 80 hours @ \$60/hr	\$4,800
*Books, training materials, supplies	\$500	*Books, training materials, supplies	\$500
**Medical exam	\$150	**Medical exam	\$150
**Written test fee	\$160	**Written test fee	\$160
**Examiner fee	\$800	**Examiner fee	\$800
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Total	\$14,150	Total	\$16,140

** These items can be purchased through Skyview Aviation or through an outside retailer.*

*** These fees are not paid through Skyview Aviation, LLC. These must be paid directly to the Vendor or Examining Party.*



Book Recommendations:

Jeppesen Guided Flight Discovery Private Pilot (2018 or newer)

FAR/AIM (Newest version)

ASA Airplane Flying Handbook

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/airplane_handbook/

ASA Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/phak/

ASA Airmen Certification Standards (Private Pilot Single Engine Land)

Private Pilot Checkride Preparation and Study Guide (By Virgil Royer)

ASA Private Pilot Test Prep Book (Newest version)

Jeppesen Private Pilot Maneuvers Guide (2018 or newer)

ASA Oral Exam Guide (Twelfth edition or newer)