



PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE

Training Costs

Training estimates shown are based on FAA Part 61 requirements. While a Private Pilot Certificate can be earned in as little as 40 flight hours, most students typically complete training within 65–75 hours. Estimated costs for both scenarios are outlined below.

FAA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (40 Hours)

Description	Hours	Cost
Aircraft Rental – Cessna 172	40	\$6,000
Flight Instruction	20	\$1,500
Ground Instruction	20	\$1,500
TOTAL TRAINING COST		\$9,000

TYPICAL TRAINING AVERAGE (65–75 Hours)

Description	Hours	Cost
Aircraft Rental – Cessna 172	65–75	\$9,750 – \$11,250
Flight Instruction	30–35	\$2,250 – \$2,625
Ground Instruction	20	\$1,500
TOTAL TRAINING COST		\$13,500 – \$15,375

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COSTS

Description	Cost
Cessna Online Ground School	\$379
FAA Medical Exam	\$180
FAA Written Exam	\$175
FAA DPE Examiner Fee	\$1,000
Aircraft Rental – Checkride	\$225
TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$1,959

ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS

FAA Minimum (40 hours)	\$11,209
Typical Training Average (65–75 hours)	\$15,709 – \$17,334

These figures are estimates only based on FAA minimums and the current national average. Actual costs may vary depending on training frequency, study habits, and overall proficiency. FAA written exam and examiner (DPE) fees are paid separately and are not set or controlled by EFI.

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