

PRIVATE PILOT FLIGHT INSTRUCTION FAQs 2018

What is required to become a Pilot?

There are many different ways to answer that question but the most direct and accurate answer is: Learning to fly requires dedication and desire. You will be learning new skills both in the airplane and on the ground. Besides developing your airmanship skills, you will become knowledgeable in meteorology, navigation, FAA regulations and engine operation.

Your piloting skills will be taught by your Flight Instructor. There are three active CFIs (Certified Flight Instructors) working at the Bartlesville Municipal Airport. The cost of flight instruction is detailed in the "Training Requirements and Costs" hand-out.

Are there special skills required to become a Pilot?

A good rule-of-thumb is if you can drive an automobile that has a manual transmission or ride a motorcycle, you probably possess the physical skills and dexterity to fly an airplane. There are minimum health and eyesight requirements, too. If your overall health and eyesight are good (corrected vision is allowed; color- blindness is not) you should be able to easily pass the required FAA medical exam.

How long will it take to become a Pilot?

The one factor that can significantly accelerate training is how frequently the student pilot can take flight lessons. Two flight lessons per week are ideal. The challenge facing a student who can only schedule flight instruction once every other week is retaining the skills learned during the previous lesson. Piloting is learning and mastering new motor skills. If you only once every other week, it will require one year to complete your training- if you study diligently.

Why should I take Flying Lessons in Bartlesville?

The Bartlesville Airport, KBVO, is an excellent site for flight instruction offering these advantages: A well maintained, long well lit runway; you'll appreciate the runway when you are learning to land and training for night flying. Fuel services are on the field; you won't have to fumble with inconvenient "self-serve" pumps after each lesson. KBVO is not a "busy airport." That means you get airborne, fly to the nearby practice area and return to base quickly. Flight training time is very efficient at the Bartlesville Airport and that will save you dollars.

What kind of airplane will I be flying?

A Cessna 172, the workhorse of flight schools worldwide. Ask any certified pilot if he or she has "logged time in a 172" and most likely the reply will be, "Yes." The aircraft is a four seat, single-engine airplane equipped for Day and Night (VFR and IFR) flight.

O.K. How do I get started?

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