

Private Pilot Cost

The *minimums* set by the FAA are just THAT.. minimums. Can it be done in the minimum time? Sure! But, is unlikely as we are subjected to weather delays, flight training schedules, individual student needs and learning capability. A more practical time for sport pilots is about 35 hours of dual training and sometimes up to 10 hours of solo time. I have listed the minimum cost and the projected *average* cost for your certificate (license, as it is mistakenly often called).

Set costs:

1. Ground School Kit - \$200 + Tax (everything you need to learn knowledge required to pass the written test, and provides you everything to be a safe, competent and informed pilot)
2. Examiner Fee - \$450 (Set by the examiner for your practical test, paid in cash to the examiner – varies by examiner)
3. Written Test Cost - \$160 (Set by the testing facility, done at Aero-Tech Services at Lancaster Aiport)

Variable / Training Costs:

\$145 Plus Tax Per 1.0 Flight Hour = \$153.70 (Billed at tenths of an hour)

\$65 Per 1.0 Hour Instructor Cost = \$130 Per Flight Lesson (2 hours with instructor per lesson, on average. More flight time – more instructor time)

Each lesson cost = \$285 (Variable, depending on time spent with instructor and actual flight time. Often may be a bit less, or more.)

MINIMUMS

20 Hours Dual - \$5700

10 Hours Solo - \$1550

Set Costs - \$800

Total - \$8100

Average Sport Pilot Student

40 Hours Dual - \$11,300

10 Hours Solo - \$1535

Set Costs - \$800

Total - \$13, 365