

Estimated Cost Breakdown* as of 1/2024



The overall cost of obtaining a private pilot certificate will vary from person to person mainly because a student pilot can only obtain a certificate upon demonstrating their complete proficiency in the operation of an aircraft and everyone's learning is different. The following breakdown is based on the average student pilot who flies one to two times per week and acquires their certificate in 55 hours.

Bellow is an example aircraft rental at 155.00hr and Instructore at \$60.00hr

Estimated Cost Breakdown			
Instructor ~ \$60.00hr			
Private Pilot (Minimum 40hrs)			
Aircraft	Cessna 172	Cessna 150	Piper Archer
Rental Rate	\$ 155.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 190.00
Dual Flight (40 Hour FAA Requirement)	\$4,300	\$3,300	\$10,000
Solo Flight (10 Hour FAA Requirement)	\$1,550	\$1,050	\$1,900
Dual Flight (12 Hours Night, Instrument, prep)	\$2,580	\$1,980	\$3,000
Dual Ground (20 hours)	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Books / Supplies (Private Pilot Kit)	\$385	\$385	\$385
FAA Written Exam	\$175	\$175	\$175
FAA Medical (Estimate, Paid to Provider)	\$150	\$150	\$150
FAA Practical Test (Examiner Fee)	\$600	\$600	\$600
FAA Practical Test (Aircraft – Approx. 2Hrs)	\$300	\$210	\$380
Total	\$11,240	\$9,050	\$17,790

Estimated Cost Breakdown		
Instructor Rate is \$65.00 hr		
Commercial Pilot (Minimum)		
Aircraft	Piper Archer	C182RG
Rental Rate	\$190.00	\$ 225.00
Dual Flight (10 Hours in Complex Aircraft)	\$1,900	\$ 2,250.00
Dual Cross-Country (4 Hours)	\$760	\$ 900.00
Solo Night Flight (5 Hours)	\$950	\$ 1,125.00
Solo Cross-Country (300-mile Approx. 4 Hours)	\$760	\$ 900.00
Ground Instruction (3 Hours)	\$195	\$ 195.00
Books / Supplies (Estimate)	\$225	\$ 225.00
FAA Written Exam	\$175	\$ 175.00
FAA Practical Test (Examiner Fee)	\$600	\$ 600.00
FAA Practical Test (Aircraft – Approx. 3Hrs)	\$570	\$ 675.00
Total	\$6,135	\$ 7,270.00

Instrument Rating (Minimum)		
Instructor Rate is \$65.00 hr		
Aircraft	Cessna 172	Piper Archer
Rental Rate	\$ 155.00	\$ 190.00
40 hours simulated or actual instrument	\$6,200	\$7,600
Dual with CFI-I (15 hours)	\$975	\$975
Books / Supplies (Instrument Pilot Kit)	\$225	\$225
FAA Written Exam	\$175	\$175
FAA Practical Test (Examiner Fee)	\$600	\$600
FAA Practical Test (Aircraft – Approx. 2Hrs)	\$310	\$380
Total	\$8,485	\$9,955