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Welcome

CATS Aviation Training Academy stands as Zimbabwe's premier aviation training institution, renowned for its commitment to delivering exceptional training programs in Basic, Corporate, and Bush Pilot disciplines. We cultivate a unique learning environment where passion for flight thrives. Our state-of-the-art facilities, coupled with a fleet of modern aircraft and a team of highly experienced and dedicated instructors, provide an unparalleled foundation for aspiring aviators.

At CATS Aviation Training Academy , we go beyond technical instruction. We foster a strong sense of community, encouraging collaboration and mentorship among students. Our personalized approach ensures that each individual receives the attention and guidance they need to excel. We believe in nurturing a love for aviation, empowering students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to achieve their dreams, while preparing them for successful careers in the dynamic world of aviation.

Where It All Began

CATS Aviation Training Academy (CATA) was founded in March 2024 with one purpose in mind: to provide world-class aviation training to the Zimbabwean and African markets. We adhere to high standards of training, which have enabled us to become a school of excellence in Africa and worldwide.

We strive to be the best we can be and impart our positive attitude towards learning and constant improvement to our students. We believe the sky is not the limit, but rather a realm of endless possibilities. If you aspire to be the best pilot you can be, we would love to train you and help you achieve that goal.



Cultivating Elite Aviation Professionals

Our Values

We uphold and advance the highest standards of aviation training to broaden and expand the professional horizons of aviators in compliance with the standards set by the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe (CAAZ).



WHY TRAIN WITH US



FLIGHT TRAINING EFFICIENCY

Conveniently located near an expansive General Aviation Area, Charles Prince Airport offers immediate access to training airspace. This minimizes travel time to training areas, reducing fuel consumption and overall training costs compared to larger, busier airports where taxiing and waiting times can be significant.

SAFETY CULTURE

Safety is our highest priority, and we operate under a robust Safety Management System (SMS). A dedicated Safety Officer, along with qualified representatives from all divisions, actively and continuously monitors safety performance. Feedback from these efforts is disseminated to all levels within the organization.

FAMILY FEEL

Our students often remark that the strong sense of family within our academy distinguishes us from other aviation training institutions. Our team of dedicated Customer Service and Instructor staff fosters a welcoming and supportive environment. You'll feel right at home with the individualized instruction we provide throughout your training journey. We are passionate about aviation and committed to helping you achieve your dream of becoming a pilot.

Courses Offered



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CATA is an approved training organisation by Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe, ATO 179/23. We offer the following services:



Pilot Licences

A pilot license is a formal authorization issued by a governing aviation authority, such as the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe (CAAZ), that grants an individual the legal right to operate an aircraft.

This crucial document signifies that the pilot has successfully met the rigorous training, knowledge, and skill requirements established by the relevant aviation authority.

Pilot licenses come in various categories, each with specific privileges and limitations. For instance, a Private Pilot License (PPL) generally permits recreational flying for personal use, while a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) allows for the operation of aircraft for compensation.

The issuance of a pilot license is a significant achievement that underscores a pilot's dedication to safety, proficiency, and adherence to aviation regulations.

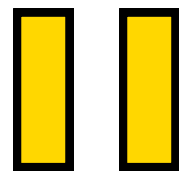


Pilot Licences

“Sometimes, flying feels too God-like to be attained by man. Sometimes, the world from above seems too beautiful, too wonderful, too distant for human eyes to see.”

– Charles A. Lindbergh

Private Pilot Licence



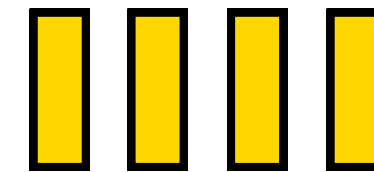
A Private Pilot License (PPL) is a license that allows the holder to fly an aircraft for personal pleasure, not for compensation or hire.

Commercial Pilot Licence



A Commercial Pilot License (CPL) allows you to fly aircraft for compensation or hire.

Air Transport Pilots Licence



The Air Transport Pilots Licence (ATPL) is the highest level of pilot's licence. It allows the holder to act as pilot in-command of an aircraft for commercial air transport operations.

Private Pilot Licence Course Overview



Course Duration

6 - 12 Months



Hours On Completion

45 Hours

A Private Pilot License (PPL) provides a strong foundation for aspiring commercial pilots. Many of the skills and knowledge acquired during PPL training are directly transferable and can be applied towards the modules required for a Commercial Pilot License (CPL), facilitating a smoother transition towards a professional aviation career.

Commercial Pilot Licence Course Overview

 **Course Duration** **12 - 18 Months**

 **Hours On Completion** **200 Hours**

The traditional pathway to earning a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) typically involves a modular approach, with the Private Pilot License (PPL) serving as the foundational cornerstone. This sequential structure ensures that aspiring commercial pilots have a solid grounding in basic flight principles, aircraft handling, and airmanship before progressing to the more advanced and specialized training required for commercial operations.



Airline Transport Pilot Licence Course Overview



Course Duration

6 Months



Hours On Completion

1000 Hours

The Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) is the highest and most demanding pilot license, essential for commanding commercial aircraft. At CAT Aviation Training Academy, we specialize in providing comprehensive ground school instruction to prepare aspiring pilots for all ATPL theoretical examinations.



Type Rating Courses

The path to becoming a pilot is a journey of continuous learning and skill development. While obtaining a pilot certificate marks a significant milestone, it's crucial to understand that it serves as the foundation for a broader spectrum of aviation qualifications.

A pilot certificate, issued by the relevant aviation authority, grants the holder the fundamental privileges to operate aircraft within specific categories and classes. For instance, a Private Pilot License (PPL) typically authorizes the operation of single-engine aircraft for personal use, while a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) allows for the operation of aircraft for hire or reward.

Beyond the core privileges granted by a pilot certificate, various ratings and endorsements further expand a pilot's operational capabilities. These additional qualifications are specialized authorizations that allow pilots to operate aircraft under specific conditions or fly particular types of aircraft or specific meteorological conditions.



Night Rating



A night rating in aviation is an endorsement on a pilot's license that allows them to fly at night under Visual Flight Rules (VFR). This means they can fly after sunset and before sunrise, as long as they can maintain visual contact with the ground and other aircraft.

Instrument Rating



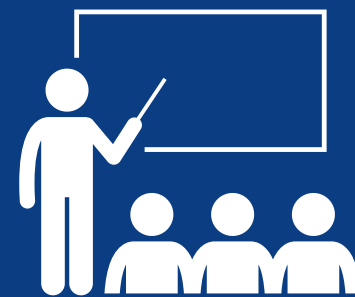
An Instrument Rating is a certification that allows a pilot to fly an aircraft solely by reference to the instruments in the cockpit, rather than relying on visual cues outside the aircraft. This enables pilots to fly safely in adverse weather conditions such as fog, clouds, or low visibility.

Multi-Engine Rating



A Multi-Engine Rating is a pilot certification that allows a pilot to fly as Pilot-in-Command (PIC) of any aircraft with more than one engine. This rating is essential for aspiring commercial airline pilots, as most commercial airliners are multi-engine aircraft.

Instructor Rating



An Instructor Rating is a certification that allows a pilot to teach others how to fly. It's a significant step for many aspiring aviation professionals, as it opens up opportunities to share their passion for flight and guide new pilots.

Foreign Licence Conversion

A foreign pilot license conversion facilitates the exchange of a pilot's license issued by one country's aviation authority for an equivalent license issued by another country's authority. This process enables pilots to continue their aviation careers in a new country without the need to undergo extensive flight training again.

Relevance for Zimbabwean Pilots

A significant number of Zimbabwean pilots pursue their flight training abroad, obtaining licenses from authorities such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the United States, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), or the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

Many of these pilots ultimately aim to return to Zimbabwe to pursue their aviation careers. This preference stems from the challenges faced by young pilots in finding suitable employment opportunities in the early stages of their careers in foreign countries.



Our Fleet



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Cessna 172 SkyHawk

The Cessna 172 Skyhawk is a four-seat, single-engine, high-wing, fixed-wing aircraft manufactured by the Cessna Aircraft Company. First flown in 1955, the 172 has become the most widely produced aircraft in history, a testament to its longevity and popularity. As a light general aviation airplane, the Cessna 172 is commonly used for training, personal flying, and charter services. General Specifications:



General Specifications:

Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Type: Single-engine, high-wing, fixed-wing aircraft
Seating: 3 passengers and 1 pilot
Wingspan: 36 feet 1 inches (11.00 meters)
Length: 27 feet 2 inches (8.28 meters)
Height: 8 feet 11 inches (2.72 meters)
Empty weight: 1,691 pounds (767 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 2,550 pounds (1,157 kilograms)
Cruise speed: 122 knots (140 mph, 226 km/h)
Range: 696 nautical miles (1,289 kilometers)
Service ceiling: 13,500 feet (4,100 meters)

Cessna 206 Stationair

The Cessna 206, is a versatile single-engine, general aviation aircraft with fixed landing gear. Its powerful engine, robust construction, and spacious cabin make it a popular choice for both commercial air service and personal use. The Cessna 206 has earned a reputation as a "sportutility vehicle of the air," excelling in bush flying operations. It's also widely used for aerial photography, skydiving, and other utility purposes.



General Specifications:

Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Type: Single-engine, high-wing, fixed-wing aircraft
Seating: 5 passengers and 1 pilot
Wingspan: 36 feet (10.97 meters)
Length: 28 feet 3 inches (8.61 meters)
Height: 9 feet 3 inches (2.8 meters)
Empty weight: 2,176 pounds (987 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 3,600 pounds (1,633 kilograms)
Cruise speed: 142 knots (163 mph, 252 km/h)
Range: 840 nautical miles (1,350 kilometers)
Service ceiling: 15,700 feet (4,800 meters)

Cessna 208 Caravan

The Cessna 208 Caravan is a versatile utility aircraft manufactured by Cessna. Known for its robust construction and reliable performance, the Caravan is a popular choice for various aviation applications. Featuring a high-wing design, the Caravan typically seats nine passengers in its unpressurized cabin. Powered by a single Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A tractor turboprop engine, it offers impressive speed and efficiency. The Caravan's fixed tricycle landing gear provides excellent stability and manoeuvrability on various runways. Caravans have been used extensively in various roles, including flight training, commuter airlines, VIP transport, air cargo, skydiving, and humanitarian missions. Their versatility and reliability have made them a staple in many aviation sectors.



General Specifications:

Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Type: Single-engine, high-wing, utility aircraft
Seating: 9 passengers and 1 pilot
Wingspan: 52 feet 1 inches (15.87 meters)
Length: 35 feet 7 inches (11.46 meters)
Height: 14 feet 11 inches (4.53 meters)
Empty weight: 4,730 pounds (2,145 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 8,600 pounds (3,899 kilograms)
Cruise speed: 186 knots (214 mph, 344 km/h)
Range: 1,070 nautical miles (1,980 kilometers)
Service ceiling: 25,000 feet (7,600 meters)

Beechcraft Baron 58

The Beechcraft Baron 58 is a six-place, twin-engine, high-wing, fixed-gear aircraft manufactured by Beech Aircraft Corporation. It is known for its spacious cabin, comfortable seating, and excellent performance.



General Specifications:

Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corporation
Type: Twin-engine, high-wing, fixed-gear aircraft
Seating: 6 passengers and 1 pilot
Wingspan: 41 feet 10 inches (12.78 meters)
Length: 29 feet 10 inches (9 meters)
Height: 9 feet 9 inches (2.97 meters)
Empty weight: 4,300 pounds (1,950 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 5,500 pounds
(2,495 kilograms)
Cruise speed: 165 knots (190 mph, 306 km/h)
Range: 1,480 nautical miles (2740 kilometres)
Service ceiling: 20,700 feet (6,300 meters)



"Excellence is not a destination, but an ongoing journey of continuous improvement."

How To Enrol

Complete the Application Form and pay the deposit amount.



Application Form

Once Application and Deposit are received, an Acceptance letter will be issued.



Acceptance

You will need to obtain an Aviation Medical Certificate from a CAAZ Approved Medical Examiner.



Aviation Medical

Complete the CAAZ Student Pilot Licence Application form. (2 Passport Size Photos Required).



**Student Pilot
Licence**

The Chief Flight Instructor will allocate an Instructor for your one on one training.



**Start Your Flight
Training**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the basic requirements to become a pilot?

Age: Generally, you must be at least 16 years old to obtain a private pilot license, and 18 years old to become a commercial pilot. .

Medical Certificate: You'll need a valid CAAZ medical certificate, which requires a physical examination.

English Proficiency: You must be fluent in English.
Knowledge: You'll need to pass written and practical exams on aviation knowledge, regulations, and flying techniques.

What are the minimum Educational Requirements?

The basic educational requirements for obtaining a pilot license are a pass in O'level English and Mathematics.

A sound understanding of geography and physics will benefit you, but it is not mandatory.

A photograph of a young Black woman with braided hair, wearing a pilot's uniform, sitting in the cockpit of an aircraft. She is looking out the window with a smile. The cockpit is filled with various instruments, gauges, and control panels. The image has a blue tint.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the process of obtaining a pilot's license?

Ground School: Learn aviation theory, regulations, and navigation.

Flight Training: Practice flying under the supervision of a flight instructor.


Written Exams: Pass written exams on aviation knowledge and regulations.

Practical Exams: Demonstrate your flying skills in a practical flight test.

Obtain License: If you pass all requirements, you will receive your pilot's license

Do I have to pay all my full tuition up front?

We understand that investing in your future can be a significant step. That's why we offer flexible payment plans to make your dream of flying a reality. Our course tuition can be tailored to your budget, with options for convenient instalment payments.

The background image shows an airport tarmac. A small, white and blue aircraft with the registration 'Z-DML' is parked. Three people in white uniforms are crouching near the front landing gear of the aircraft. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will it take to obtain my PPL and CPL?

We offer personalized training programs to fit your schedule. Choose from full-time (5 days/week) or part-time (1 day/week) options. Most students earn their PPL in 6 months and CPL in 18 months. However, your progress and dedication will influence the timeline.

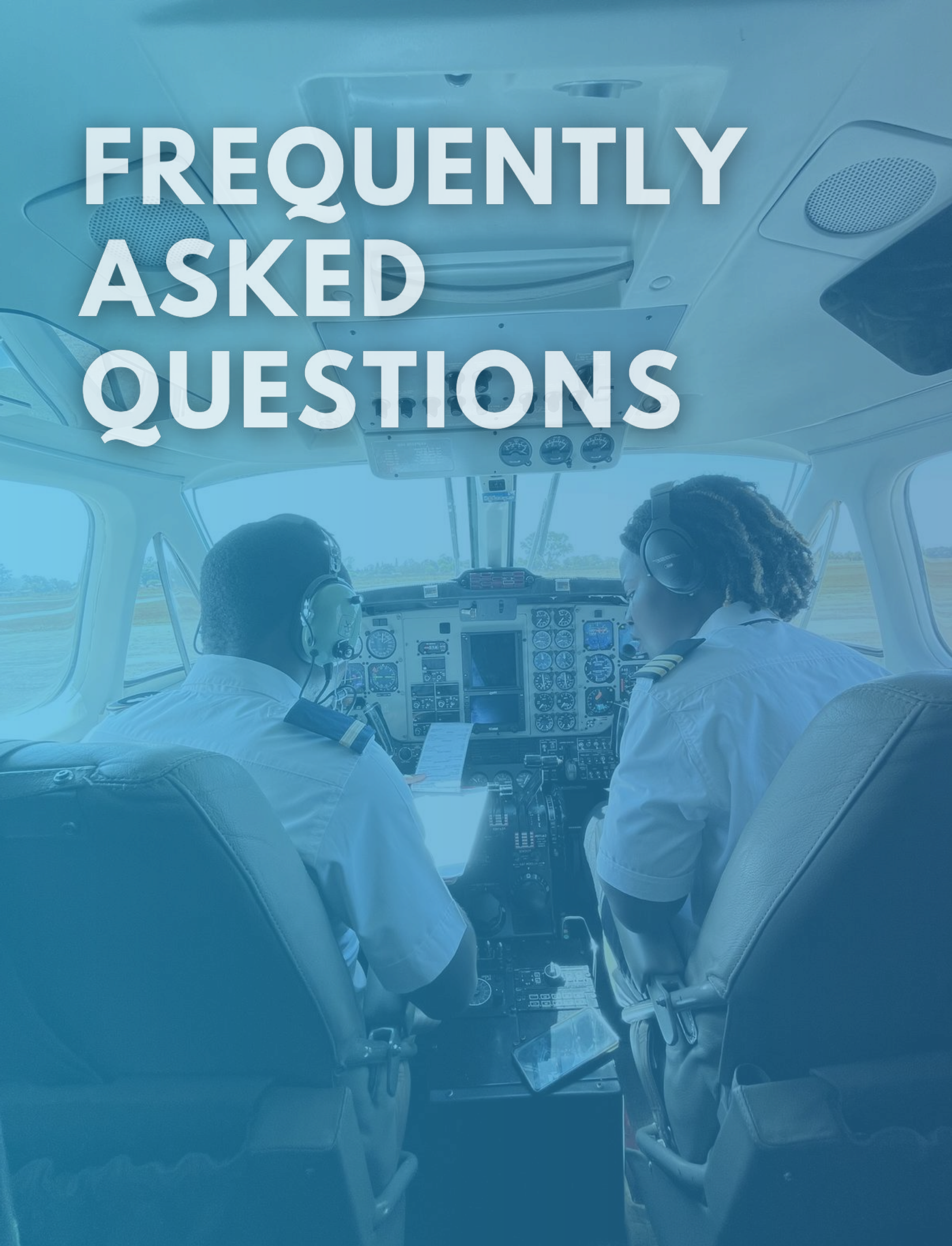
How do I enroll in a course?

One of our agents will guide you through the enrollment process. We will require the following documents:

Copy of your ID/Passport

School-leaving Certificate (O' Level and A' Level Certificates)

Proof of payment for your Deposit (to secure your enrolment)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you offer Sponsorships or Bursaries?

We do not currently offer bursaries or sponsorships. Our primary focus is providing high-quality flight training and supporting student success.

We understand the financial aspect and recommend exploring options like student loans, scholarships, or personal savings.

We are committed to providing accessible and affordable training while maintaining the highest safety and quality standards.

When should I have my medical done?

It's crucial to obtain your aviation medical certificate before commencing flight training.

Failing the medical will unfortunately preclude you from obtaining a pilot's license and progressing with your flight training.

We strongly recommend scheduling your medical examination as soon as possible. If you are initially unsuccessful, there may be avenues for appeal.



"Soar To Excellence"

Commitment To Safety and Best Practice For Training

At the core of our training philosophy lies an unwavering commitment to safety and the highest industry standards. We believe that a safe and secure learning environment is paramount for the success and well-being of our trainees.

To this end, we meticulously adhere to all relevant aviation regulations and best practices, employing rigorous safety management systems and conducting regular safety audits to ensure continuous improvement. Our instructors are highly qualified and experienced professionals who prioritize safety in every aspect of their training.

We foster a culture of safety awareness among all our trainees, emphasizing the importance of responsible decision-making and adherence to safety protocols. By cultivating a safety-conscious environment and prioritizing the well-being of our trainees, we strive to provide the highest quality aviation training experience possible.



Testimonials



“When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.”
– Leonardo DaVinci

Mufaro Dzvova

"I recently renewed my Instrument Rating at CATS Aviation Training Academy. The experience was exceptionnal, thanks to the dedicated staff, well-maintained fleet, and rigorous training program.

The flexibility of the syllabus and the support of experienced instructors made the renewal process seamless. I highly recommend CATA for anyone seeking top-notch flight training."





Tawanda Fushai

"I would like to thank CATS Aviation Training Academy for helping me get my Instrument Rating. The training I received was exceptional and significantly enhanced my flying skills. Much appreciation to my instructor R. Magwere who was incredibly supportive throughout the whole process."

The sense of community at CATS Aviation Training Academy is remarkable. The staff is dedicated to the success of all students. My experience was transformative and I recommend CATS Aviation Training Academy to anyone who wants to do their Instrument Rating, Type Conversion or initial training as a pilot."



Ben Deredza

"I am thrilled to announce that I recently renewed my Instrument Rating and attained my Instructor Rating at CATS Aviation Training Academy."

The efficient and wellstructured program, coupled with the exceptional support from experienced instructors, made the training process seamless. I highly recommend CATS Aviation Training Academy for anyone seeking a streamlined and efficient experience in renewing their pilot's license."



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