

How Do I Become An LSA Pilot?

For the sport pilot certificate, you must:

- Be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old if you are applying to operate a glider or balloon).
- Be able to read, speak, write, and understand English.
- Hold at least a third class medical, or hold a current and valid U.S. driver's.

Training requirements for a sport pilot certificate:

- A minimum of 20 hours flight time (**12 hours PPC**) including:
- 15 hours of flight training (**10 hours PPC**) from an authorized instructor and 5 hours solo flight (**2 hours PPC**).

Flight training must include at least:

- 2 hours cross-country flight training (**1 hour PPC**).
 - 10 takeoffs and landings to a full stop (**20 in a PPC**).
 - One solo cross-country flight of at least 75 nautical miles total distance (**no max. distance in PPC**) with a full-stop landing at a minimum of two points (**landing at one different airport in PPC**) and one segment of the flight consisting of a straight-line distance of at least 25 nautical miles (**10 NM PPC**) between takeoff and landing locations.
 - 3 hours flight training (**1 hour in PPC**) in preparation for the practical test.
 - Ground training from an instructor or home-study course.
- (see 14 CFR (FAR) Part 61 Subpart J)

Meet Your Instructor

Bill Nelson learned to fly gliders and became an Instructor back in the 1970's. He stopped flying when the school closed. He took up flying again in 2008, learning to fly paragliders first, and then moving on to Light Sport Aircraft. He has over 600 hours in Light Sport Airplanes and is a Certified Flight Instructor In Light Sport Airplanes and Powered Parachutes. He is also a Light Sport Mechanic and fly's, instructs, builds, and repairs Powered Parachutes. Bill fly's for fun as well, and has landed at every public airport in WA State. He's a member of the local EAA chapter, as well as the Northwest ultralight EAA chapter.

How Expensive Is It

To Own An LSA?

This all depends on what kind of flying you want to do and whether you want a factory built, shiny new aircraft; a quality, pre-owned aircraft; or a build-it-yourself kit.

Light Sport Airplanes can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to over \$100,000.

Powered Parachutes (PPC's) cost \$7,000 to \$40,000.

Next you need to plan on the monthly and yearly expenses.

- Fuel and Oil cost about \$18/hour
 - Annual Inspections cost about \$350-\$500
 - Federal and State Registration fees are around \$50/year
 - Hanger fees cost \$100-200/month
- (But not necessary if you own a PPC and store it in a trailer or in your own garage.)**
- Liability insurance can run \$1200-1500/year
 - Labor charges for maintenance and repairs are \$70/hour
 - Add to this the cost of any supplies, parts, and accessories that might be needed.



How Much Does Training Cost?

Light Sport Airplanes

Lessons - \$75/hour for Instructor

(You will need to provide your own Light Sport Airplane for lessons.)

Ground School – Self study
(Or \$50/hour Classroom Time)

Books, Supplies & Test Fees – approx. \$650

Biennial Flight Review - \$200

Powered Parachutes

30 Minute Intro. Lesson - \$40

1 Hour Discovery Flight Lesson - \$100

(Cost applied to full package.)

Lessons - \$70/hour for Instructor

PPC Rental \$80/hour

Ground School – Self study
(Or \$50/hour Classroom Time)

Books, Supplies & Test Fees – approx. \$650

Biennial Flight Review

\$150/your PPC - \$280/my PPC

(I can also help you with the purchase of your first PPC or Light Sport Airplane, build a PPC for you, or assist you in building your own. Ask about pricing.)

Full Sport Pilot Flight Package \$3000.00

(PPC rental, instruction, materials, and first knowledge test and first practical test included.)

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