

Flight Training

Experience you need

NZ Civil Aviation Authority have a variety of experience requirements for you to gain your pilot license. The requirements are so that you can achieve your license, fly safely, and be a well rounded pilot- and you can do the fun and cool things that only a helicopter can do!



These include:

Exam passes in..... Meteorology, Air Law, Human Factors, Flight Radio, Navigation, and Aircraft Technical Knowledge.

The exams require study, but you don't need to be a rocket scientist to pass them. There are no requirements for NCEA qualifications.

Medical:

In order to gain your pilot license you'll need a medical check from a CAA approved doctor. To gain a private pilot license (PPL) you'll need a CAA class 2 medical or a DL9 (truck driver medical). For a commercial pilot license(CPL) you'll need a full class 1 medical.

Cost

You only pay for the time the helicopter is running. Pre and post flight briefings are included so there are no hidden costs, typically a 1 hour flight will take more like 2 hours of your time.

Hourly rates vary with different types of helicopters. 2 seat helicopters are around \$700/hr and four seat helicopters are \$1000/hr (both prices are excl GST)

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Flight Experience

You need a minimum of 50 hours flying to achieve your helicopter PPL. This is made up of:

- 20 hours of dual instruction, including 5 hours of advanced instruction including - emergencies, hovering turns, slope landings, quick stops, minimum power... plus others.
 - 15 hours of Solo
 - 10 hours cross country flying
 - 5 hours mountain flying experience, and 5 hours ground instruction
- Optional Extras**
- Sling Loads – 5 hours sling load training
 - Night Flying – 2 hours instrument time

We can have you up flying most days (Mon-Sat typically). For most people, the exams can be a hold up. Getting started on the theory early is a great idea! PPL license typically takes 4 months.

Why Train With Us?

Who you're taught by, and the real world scenarios you are exposed to dictates how good, and safe, a helicopter pilot will end up being. Shamus is one of the few "A Category" instructors in New Zealand who still teaches students (doesn't just test pilots). Shamus has over 10,000hrs



flying many types of helicopters all around the world in varying roles. He is also an approved examiner in NZ, Aus, PNG and Fiji. We are also the only CAA Part 141 approved helicopter training provider in the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Central Plateau.

This means your training involves real situations (often joining us on real jobs!).

You're shown how to get in and out of small bush clearings, advanced autorotations and scenario based emergencies. This gives you the confidence, and skill to perform when it matters, when you have your family and friends beside you, not just your instructor.

Costs of training do not vary greatly, but the skills passed on by instructors do! Choose wisely!

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