

Cost of Flight Training Jax Navy Flying Club

What is the cost of flight training?

Because flight training is not a “one size fits all”, the cost of training can vary vastly from one pilot to the next. The factors contributing to differentials in the overall cost of flight training can include the student’s ability to learn and train frequently, the type of aircraft chosen for instruction, and the cost of fuel.

Below is a cost estimate for flight training. As stated above, these prices can vary based on several factors but have accounted for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) minimums to take the tests for Private, Instrument, and Commercial certificates as well as the FAA stated average number of hours for completion of the certificates.

Private Pilot’s License

low-cost estimates are based off instruction in N9917W, high-cost estimates are based off instruction in N66111

Private Pilot’s License	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
Aircraft Rental	40	\$2,400- \$4,200	65	\$3,900- \$6,825
Flight Instructor (\$35/hour) *pre/post is not included here and is .5 hours of instruction per flight*	30	\$1,050	55	\$1,925

Private Pilot's License	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
Fuel (Avg. \$4.70/gal with 8-gal fuel burn per hour)		\$1,500		\$2,445
Pilot Supplies and headset		\$800		\$800
Ground School		\$0-\$600		\$0-\$600
FAA Knowledge Exam		\$175		\$175
FAA Class 3 Medical Exam		\$75-\$150		\$75-150
Airplane Rental for Check-ride	2	\$120-\$210	2	\$120-\$210
FAA Examiner Fee for Check-ride <i>(Can vary based on examiner)</i>		\$800		\$800
Total:		\$6,920-\$9,485		\$10,240-\$13,930

Instrument Rating

low-cost estimates are based off instruction in N9924W, high-cost estimates are based off instruction in N66111

Instrument Rating	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
Aircraft Rental	40	\$3,800-\$4,200	55	\$5,225-\$5,775
Flight Instructor (\$35/hour) *pre/post is not included here and is .5 hours of instruction per flight*	15	\$525	30	\$1,050
Fuel (Avg. \$4.70/gal with 8-gal fuel burn per hour)		\$1,500		\$2,068
Ground School		\$0-\$600		\$0-\$600

Instrument Rating	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
FAA Knowledge Exam		\$175		\$175
Airplane Rental for Check-ride	2	\$190-\$210	2	\$190-\$210
FAA Examiner Fee for Check-ride <i>(Can vary based on examiner)</i>		\$800		\$800
Total:		\$6,990-\$8,010		\$9,508-\$10,678

Commercial License

low-cost estimates are based off instruction in N9917W, high-cost estimates are based off instruction in N66111

Commercial License	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
Aircraft Rental	120	\$7,200-\$12,600	150	\$9,000-\$15,750
Flight Instructor (\$35/hour) *pre/post is not included here and is .5 hours of instruction per flight*	15	\$525	30	\$1,050
Fuel (Avg. \$4.70/gal with 8-gal fuel burn per hour)		\$4,512		\$5,640
Ground School		\$0-\$600		\$0-\$600
FAA Knowledge Exam		\$175		\$175
Airplane Rental for Check-ride	2	\$120-\$210	2	\$120-\$210

Commercial License	Minimum Hours		Typical Hours	
	Hours	Cost (low to high)	Hours	Cost (low to high)
FAA Examiner Fee for Check-ride <i>(Can vary based on examiner)</i>		\$800		\$800
Total:		\$13,332- \$19,422		\$16,875- \$24,225