

## *Recreational Pilot Permit (RPP) or Private Pilot Licence (PPL)*

### *What it takes to be a pilot*

If you have always wanted to learn how to be a pilot, now is the time to get started. Let MAG Aerospace Canada help turn your dream into a reality.

Not sure if you have what it takes? The best way to find out is by taking a Discovery Flight. Discovery Flights are for those interested in aviation and want to experience what it's like to fly an airplane. You will go up with one of our instructors and have the chance to take the controls of the Cessna 172 Skyhawk. From there you can decide whether pursuing a pilot licence is right for you.



## Obtaining a Recreation Permit or a Private Licence

The next step after completing your Discovery Flight is to decide whether you want to pursue a Recreational Pilot Permit (RPP) or a Private Pilot Licence (PPL).

### Quick Comparison of RPP VS PPL

	Rec Permit	Private Licence
# of Passengers Allowed	1	More than 1
Add Float Rating	Yes	Yes
Add Multi-Engine Rating	No	Yes
Add Night Rating	No	Yes
Add Instrument Rating	No	Yes
Minimum Age	16	17
Medical Fitness	Category 4	Category 3
Ground School	None	40 Hours
Written Exam	Yes	Yes
Minimum Flight Hours	25	45
Flight Test	Yes	Yes
Average Cost	\$7,000-\$8,000	\$10,000-\$13,000

The training toward each licence starts off in the same manner, so you don't have to make up your mind before you start flight training. There are, however, a number of requirements that must be met before you can complete your first solo flight, the most important of which are:

- Medical Certificate
- Radio Operator's Certificate
- PSTAR Examination
- Student Pilot Permit



## Medical Certificate

To become a pilot in Canada, you must hold a valid Transport Canada Aviation Medical Certificate. There are different categories of medicals, depending on which level of pilot licence you are planning to obtain.

**Did you know...** that you don't need perfect vision to become a pilot? Not being able to wear glasses is an old myth, and is not true at all. To become a pilot your vision needs to be at least 20/30 in each eye, but you are free to wear contacts or eyeglasses. Below is a list on Transport Canada certified medical examiners in the area:

De Blacam, K 1813 Lasalle Blvd Sudbury, Ontario 705-222-2933	Meek, M 1280 Lasalle Blvd Sudbury, Ontario 705-669-9508	Sawkiw, RB 1935 Paris St Sudbury, Ontario 705-523-2503	Fredette, P 3140-8, Hwy 69N Val Caron, Ontario 705-222-1888
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## Scheduling

Training can be split into two main areas: Ground School & Flight Training. It is a common misconception that ground school must be completed before flight training can commence—this is completely false. Although it is a good idea to have some ground training, many people find that they are more motivated to study if they are taking flight lessons at the same time.

Flight training can be coordinated to fit with the student's schedule. MAG Aerospace Canada is open seven days a week, so those with full-time jobs appreciate the ability to fly during evenings and weekends. Best results have been found when a student flies multiple times per week, but sometimes this is not possible due to financial or time constraints.

## Ground School

MAG Aerospace Canada offers evening ground school classes at select times during the year. The ground school consists of in-class presentation and discussion covering all the required material needed to pass the Transport Canada exam. Regular quizzes and exams are done throughout ground school to ensure students are keeping up with the material.

Those who are unable to commit their evenings for ground school may decide to take the ground school online through a different provider. One option is [www.pilottraining.ca](http://www.pilottraining.ca)

## Recreational Pilot Permit – Aeroplane

### Overview

The Recreational Pilot Permit (RPP) program is designed for those who want to become a pilot in order to fly recreationally or as a hobby. Although it is the quickest and most affordable route in learning to fly, the Recreational Pilot Permit is slightly more restricted than the Private Pilot Licence.

### Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Recreational Pilot Permit
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Schedule:</b>	Part-Time or Full-Time
<b>Intake:</b>	Continuous
<b>Duration:</b>	Depends on Student Schedule
<b>Cost:</b>	Approximately \$7,000-8,000

### Admission

Although not required at the time of admission, a student will need to obtain a Category 4 medical prior to their first solo.

### Advanced Standing

Applicants who have partially completed training toward a Recreational Pilot Permit at another flight school may be credited advanced standing in accordance with Transport Canada regulations and at the discretion of the Chief Flight Instructor.

### Program of Study

The Recreational Pilot Permit program consists of a minimum of 25 hours of flight instruction in preparation for the Transport Canada flight test. The following requirements must be met:

- 15 Hours Dual Flight Instruction and 5 Hours Solo Practice (including 2 Hours Cross-Country)

There is no ground school requirement for the Recreational Pilot Permit. However, it is encouraged that the student considers taking the Private Pilot ground school to help prepare for the Transport Canada written examination.

### Payment Schedule – Recreational Pilot Permit

Due to the large costs associated with flight training, MAG Aerospace Canada does not expect students to pay tuition fees upfront or in large installments. MAG Aerospace Canada utilizes the "Pay-Per-Lesson" method, where the student settles their invoice after each lesson. Please call us for an up-to-date pricing schedule for a Recreational Pilot Permit.

### Enrollment & Graduation

Enrollment for this program is continuous, meaning students can start flight training toward the Recreational Pilot Permit at any time. Students graduate the program when they have received letters of recommendation for both the Transport Canada written examination and flight test.

## Private Pilot Licence – Aeroplane

### Overview

The Private Pilot Licence (PPL) program is designed for those who want to fly recreationally, without the restrictions of the Recreational Pilot Permit. It is also a prerequisite for those wanting to pursue a Commercial Pilot Licence toward a pilot career.

### Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Private Pilot Licence
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Schedule:</b>	Part-Time or Full-Time
<b>Intake:</b>	Continuous
<b>Duration:</b>	Approximately 1 Year (Part-Time)
<b>Cost:</b>	Approximately \$10,000-13,000

### Admission

Although not a requirement at admission, a student will need to obtain a Category 3 medical prior to their first solo.

### Advanced Standing

Applicants who have partially completed training toward a Private Pilot Licence at another flight school may be credited advanced standing in accordance with Transport Canada regulations and at the discretion of the Chief Flight Instructor.

### Program of Study

The Private Pilot Licence program focuses on in-depth ground and flight instruction.

**Ground School** consists of 40 hours of in-class or online training to prepare the student for the Transport Canada written examination. Subjects to be covered include:

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| - Air Law and Procedures         | - Navigation and Radio Aids | - Meteorology        |
| - Airframes, Engines and Systems | - Theory of Flight          | - Flight Instruments |
| - Flight Operations              | - Licensing Requirements    | - Human Factors      |

**Flight Training** consists of a minimum of 45 hours of flight instruction preparing the student for the Transport Canada flight test. The 45 hours must include the following minimum hour requirements:

**17 Hours of Dual Instruction**

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| - 3 Hours Cross-Country | - 5 Hours Instrument Flight Time (Max 3 in Simulator) |
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**12 Hours of Solo Flight Time**

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| - 5 Hours Cross-Country | - 150 nm Cross-Country |
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**Note:**

The times listed above are Transport Canada **minimum** times required for completing the course. Completion time is based on student skill, therefore prices may increase as much as 35% throughout the duration of the course.

## Payment Schedule – Private Pilot Licence

Due to the large costs associated with flight training, MAG Aerospace Canada does not expect students to pay tuition fees upfront or in large installments. MAG Aerospace Canada utilizes the "Pay-Per-Lesson" method, where the student settles their invoice after each lesson. Please call us for an up-to-date pricing schedule for a Private Pilot Licence.

### Note:

The times listed above are Transport Canada minimum times required for completing the course. Completion time is based on student skill; therefore prices may increase as more hours are required. The prices above do not include HST.

## Graduation

Students graduate the program when they have received letters of recommendation for both the Transport Canada written examination and flight test.

## Enrollment

Enrollment for this program is continuous, meaning students can start flight training toward the Private Pilot Licence at any time. However, ground school classes start on specific dates. Contact MAG Aerospace Canada to find out more information about the next Private Pilot Licence ground school.

## Language

For the Private Pilot Licence, you will need to pass a Transport Canada Language Proficiency Test.

## *Apply to train with MAG Aerospace Canada*

If you are interested in learning more about MAG Aerospace Canada or would like to start your training with us please contact us using one of the methods listed below:

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