

COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE

Even if you do not aspire to become a pilot for hire and have no intention to teach flying, having a commercial certificate can have other advantages. The training will further refine your skills and if you decide to buy your own airplane, holding a commercial certificate is likely to lower your insurance bill.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ([14 CFR 61.123](#))

- 18 years of age
- Speak, read and understand English
- Hold an [aviation medical certificate](#)

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ([14 CFR 61.129 \(a\)](#))

- 250 hours total flight time
 - 100 hrs pilot-in-command
 - 50 hrs in airplane
 - 50 hrs of cross-country time (10 in airplanes)
 - 20 hrs of dual flight training
 - 10 hrs of instrument training (5 in airplanes)
 - 10 hrs of training in a complex aircraft
 - One day VFR dual cross country
 - One night VFR dual cross country
 - 10 hrs of solo flight time
 - 5 hrs of night
 - 1 long cross country flight of no less than 300 NM

Pass an FAA written test with 70% or more on the areas of operation listed in [14 CFR 61.125 \(b\)](#).

Successfully complete a practical test ("checkride") administered by an FAA-designated pilot examiner using a practical test standard.

Practical Test Standard - Commercial Pilot Certificate

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