

Private Pilot Certificate Cost Estimate

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Overview

The feat of flying has long been a dream of many, young and old, and thanks to modern technology, anyone can become a pilot. Whether pursuing a career as a pilot or simply trying a new hobby, a pilot certificate is a large financial and time investment. The following cost breakdown is based on FAA required minimums.

Cost Breakdown

30 hours of instruction in a PA28-140 or C172 at \$132 per hour	\$3960
10 hours of solo time in a PA28-140 or C172 at \$93 per hour	\$930
10 hours of ground instruction with CFI at \$39 per hour	\$390
Northstar Aviators signup fee	\$250
Northstar Aviators monthly fees at \$60 for 4 months	\$240
Books and Supplies	\$315
Private Pilot Ground School (self study or with CFI)	\$300
FAA Medical Exam	\$150
FAA Written Exam	\$165
FAA Flight Exam	\$400
Total	\$7100



DISCLAIMER: Cost for written and flight exams are estimates and may vary. All prices are NOT guaranteed and are subject to change without notice. These estimates are based on the average student pilot who flies 2 to 3 times per week. Aviation rental insurance is not required but highly recommended and costs generally start at \$85 per year.

Northstar Aviators Club Rates

Piper PA28-140 Rental	\$93/hour
C172M Rental	\$93/hour
Instruction	\$39/hour
Flight with CFI	\$132/hour

Northstar Aviators Club Fees

One Time Signup Fee	\$250
Monthly Fee	\$60

FAA Time Requirements

Instruction with CFI	20 hours
Solo Flight	10 hours

Students are advised that these costs are the FAA minimum requirement. Total flight time will depend on a student's progress. In our experience, we find that it takes most students between 50 and 60 hours to complete training.

Cost Estimate at 50 Hours

Private Pilot Minimum Costs	\$7100
Additional 10 hours of dual at \$132 per hour	\$1320
Total	\$8420

Cost Estimate at 60 Hours

Private Pilot Minimum Costs	\$7100
Additional 20 hours of dual at \$132 per hour	\$2640
Total	\$9740