

Commercial Pilot Certificate Cost Estimate

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Overview

A Commercial Pilot Certificate is for the Private Pilot looking to enhance his/her skill or anyone looking to pursue a professional pilot career. A Commercial Pilot Certificate offers a pilot increased skill (only the ATP certificate is more demanding), increased safety, lower insurance premiums, and the challenge of mastering the aircraft and its systems. The following cost breakdown is based on FAA required minimums.

Cost Breakdown

10 hours of instruction in a PA28-140/C172M at \$142 per hour	\$1420
10 hours of complex instruction in a PA28R-200 at \$179 per hour	\$1790
10 hours of ground instruction with CFI at \$39 per hour	\$390
Northstar Aviators signup fee	\$250
Northstar Aviators monthly fees at \$60 for 2 months	\$120
Books and Supplies	\$150
Commercial Pilot Ground School (self study or with CFI)	\$150
FAA Written Exam	\$165
FAA Flight Exam	\$500
Total	\$4935

Northstar Aviators Club Rates

Piper PA28R-200 Rental	\$140/hour
Piper PA28-140/C172M	\$103/hour
Instruction	\$39/hour

Northstar Aviators Club Fees

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

FAA Time Requirements

Instruction with CFI	10 hours
Complex time	10 hours
PIC Time	100 hours
Night PIC Time	5 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 15 and 20 hours to complete training. This training assumes the student already has the majority of the 14 CFR 61.129(a) flight experience met.

Cost Estimate at 20 Hours

Commercial Minimum Costs	\$4935
Additional 10 hours of dual at \$142 per hour	\$1420
Total	\$6355



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 \$95 per year.