

# 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

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|---|---------------|
| 30 hours of instruction in a PA28-140 or C172 at \$142 per hour | \$4260        |
| 10 hours of solo time in a PA28-140 or C172 at \$103 per hour   | \$1030        |
| 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   | \$500         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$7600</b> |

## Northstar Aviators Club Rates

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Piper PA28-140 Rental | \$103/hour |
| C172M Rental          | \$103/hour |
| Instruction           | \$39/hour  |
| Flight with CFI       | \$142/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

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|---|---------------|
| Private Pilot Minimum Costs                   | \$7600        |
| Additional 10 hours of dual at \$142 per hour | \$1420        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$9020</b> |

## Cost Estimate at 60 Hours

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Private Pilot Minimum Costs                   | \$7600          |
| Additional 20 hours of dual at \$142 per hour | \$2840          |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$10,440</b> |



**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.