

Student guide

What does it take to get your Private Pilot Certificate?

Here's 14 CFR Part 61: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp&r=PART&n=14y2.0.1.1.2>

Wikipedia puts it simply:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilot_certification_in_the_United_States#Private_pilot

How much will it cost? <https://www.firstflight.com/training-cost-calculator/>

What does it mean that we're Part 61?

Flexibility to move at your own pace <http://www.flyingmag.com/pilot-technique/new-pilots/flight-school-part-61-or-part-141>

To what standards will I be held at the time test? (or, what do I need to learn along the way?)

Airman Certification Standards: https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acs/

What can I do in the meantime, or when I'm not flying?

The FAA offers tons of study material of which you can never get enough:

AFH https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/airplane_handbook/

AIM https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/media/aim.pdf

PHAK https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/phak/

Read on pilot forums, Reddit, Facebook groups, etc.

<https://www.pilotsofamerica.com/community/>

<https://www.flyertalk.com/forum/>

<http://www.pacificnorthwestflying.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FATPNW/>

You can start preparing for the Written exam. Here's what to expect:

https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/test_guides/media/FAA-G-8082-171.pdf

Some recommended study books:

Gleim <https://www.gleimaviation.com/shop/ppkt/>

Jepp https://www.amazon.com/Jeppesen-Private-Pilot-Manual-Textbook/dp/0884875954/ref=pd_sim_14_3?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0884875954&pd_rd_r=A0J121EMB49H2ZARTFP2&pd_rd_w=0Ahyp&pd_rd_wg=xJ6Xa&psc=1&refRID=A0J121EMB49H2ZARTFP2

https://www.amazon.com/Jeppesen-Guided-Discovery-Private-Maneuvers/dp/0884874354/ref=pd_sim_14_1?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0884874354&pd_rd_r=VM3T5G8QSVFHX8X8JE50&pd_rd_w=wedFt&pd_rd_wg=8tWuj&psc=1&refRID=VM3T5G8QSVFHX8X8JE50

ASA http://www.mypilotstore.com/MyPilotStore/sep/599?gclid=Cj0KCCQjwtpDMBRC4ARIsADhz5O75X2XxIVV7-JHV_FqO1K1Vk5Zy8BvcUOb9D9UNhWtTG_Ic6njYUtkaAvykEALw_wcB

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Sporty's <http://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/learn-to-fly/private-pilot-learn-to-fly-course.html?price=100-200>

Purchase (these are just examples, any substitute will do):

Logbook https://www.amazon.com/Standard-Pilot-Log-Black-ASA-SP-30/dp/1560273283/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1504021796&sr=8-1&keywords=pilot+logbook

E6B https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=e6b&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Ae6b

Plotter https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=aviation+plotter&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Aaviation+plotter

San Antonio sectional (+TAC if you will fly at BFI)

Kneeboard https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-

[keywords=ASA+kneeboard&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3AASA+kneeboard](#)

Fuel strainer https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-

[keywords=aircraft+fuel+tester&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Aaircraft+fuel+tester](#)

Headset (important selection!) [https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=aviation+headset&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Aaviation+headset)

[3Daps&field-keywords=aviation+headset&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Aaviation+headset](#)

and

<http://bestaviationheadset.org/2016/04/07/what-exactly-is-the-best-inexpensive-aviation-headset/>

For material, we can provide the King private pilot videos to study

Or buy a complete package

Gleim <https://www.gleimaviation.com/product-category/pilot-certification/private/>

ASA <http://www.asa2fly.com/Complete-Private-Pilot-Kit-Part-61-P530C347.aspx>

Jepp http://jeppdirect.jeppesen.com/subcategory_template.jsp?catId=cat2

King <http://www.kingschools.com/ground-school/private-pilot/courses/get-it-all>

Sporty's <http://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/learn-to-fly/private-pilot-learn-to-fly-course.html?price=300->