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 Greater Kankakee Airport (IKK)

Private Pilot Airplane Course FAA Part 61 Compared to FAA Averages License Times

FAA minimums for the private pilot license are 40 hours of flight time, which is further broken down into 20 hours of dual (Instruction), and 10 hours of solo. Of the 20 hours of dual, 3 must be at night, 3 must be cross-country, and 3 must be in preparation for the practical test. The 10 hours of solo time must include at least 5 hours of cross-country time. You must also pass the FAA written Knowledge exam, and flight test.

The 40 hour minimum flight time was established about 50 years ago. Since then the FAA has continued to add more knowledge areas, and the airplanes have become more complex. It is possible to become a pilot in the minimum time; however, with weather delays, scheduling difficulties and other problems, most students require at least 55 hours of flight before being certified as a private pilot. This course can reasonably be completed within 3-5 months if the student is able to fly on a consistent basis.

		<u>Average Cost</u>	<u>FAA Minimum Cost</u>
55 Hours Cessna 152	@\$72/hr	(55 hrs) \$3960	(40 hrs) \$2880
40 Instruction	@\$32/hr	(40 hrs) \$1280	(20 hrs) \$640
10 Hours pre/post flight instruction	@\$32/hr	\$320	\$320
Club membership 3 Months	@\$25/mo	\$75	\$75
Book and Supplies		\$300	\$300
Knowledge and Examiner Fee		\$390	\$390
Estimated Cost:		\$6325	\$4605

We are confident that students will gain an acceptable level of competence in the above allotted time and expense.

Some larger students may elect to use the 4 place Cessna 172 for their training. The C-172 costs about 20 dollars per hour extra. The estimated cost would increase by \$1100 for a grand total of \$7425.00.

For a goal of 3-5 month for completion, students should fly 2-4 hours per week, and apply themselves to study activity such as video, textbook, and other training material so that they are prepared for each lesson. Your training will be supervised by a 22,000 hour pilot/instructor who was also an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner for many years. *Training times can be shorter if the student desires an accelerated training schedule.*

Most schools quote the FAA minimum times to gain you as a customer! Rotors and Wings Aviation, gives customers more realistic estimates for training based on the FAA averages and our Chief Instructor who has logged 22,000 hrs of flight training and pilot time.

Please call us, we would love to talk aviation any time!

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