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### Private Pilot License Estimated Costs

*How long does it take to learn to fly and how much does it cost? It depends. Qualifying as a pilot is a learning process, and some people will acquire that new skill more quickly than others and some will have more time and energy to devote to the task. One earns a private pilot certificate when one masters the necessary skills and acquires the necessary knowledge to be a safe pilot.*

*The FAA requires a minimum of 40 hours of flight experience (20 hours of dual instruction and 20 hours of solo flight) but very few pilots achieve the necessary competence in forty hours. A cost estimate based on the 40-hour minimum would be deceptive and unrealistic. The national average is closer to 75 hours.*

*Most Club pilots average 50 to 70 hours in the course of training. Because we realize that learning to fly is a significant commitment of time and money, we want to provide prospective pilots with a realistic estimate of the actual cost based on our experience and including the ancillary costs involved. Any number of variables could reduce or increase this estimate, but it is reasonable to assume that the cost of training with the Club will compare favorably with other options.*

*The following is an estimate of the total cost of acquiring a Private Pilot Certificate as a member of the Wings of Carolina Flying Club, including Club membership and dues. All costs are paid as encountered. There is no need to pay in advance. These estimates are based on 70 hours of flight time in a Cessna 152 and rates as of September 2022.*

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| WINGS OF CAROLINA APPLICATION FEE .....   | \$250           |
| DEPOSIT – Cessna 152 (refundable) .....   | \$300           |
| <i>The deposit is an investment in the Club, which is returned to each member when they resign. (Not included in Total below)</i>                                   |                 |
| DUES .....  | \$390           |
| <i>Six months @ \$65/month. Dues reduction is available through volunteer effort.</i>   |                 |
| FLIGHT TIME.....  | \$5950          |
| <i>Seventy (70) hours in a Cessna 152 training aircraft at \$85 an hour. This is a wet rate (includes fuel.) Note: Rate varies due to changes in price of fuel.</i> |                 |
| INSTRUCTION .....   | \$2000          |
| <i>Forty (40) hours of ground and flight instruction with Wings of Carolina, FAA-certificated instructor @ \$50 an hour.</i>  |                 |
| GROUND SCHOOL.....  | \$180           |
| <i>Wings of Carolina member rate for our ground school, which includes 45 classroom hours, offered three times per year.</i>  |                 |
| GROUND SCHOOL MATERIALS .....   | \$180           |
| <i>Includes texts, flight computer, and plotter available at wholesale to students.</i>   |                 |
| HEADSET .....   | \$120           |
| <i>Aviation headset available through the Wings of Carolina at the Club's cost.</i>   |                 |
| FAA MEDICAL EXAM – Class 2 or 3 (required prior to solo flight) .....   | \$100           |
| FAA KNOWLEDGE TEST .....  | \$175           |
| FAA ORAL AND FLIGHT TEST .....  | \$750           |
| <b>APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST .....</b>   | <b>\$10,095</b> |

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