

Your Commercial Pilot License (CPL) is the qualification you will require in order to take up flying as a career. If you are interested in flying for an Airline in the future, it is the gateway to your Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL).

For you to qualify as a CPL candidate you will need the following:

- A valid PPL
- A valid Class I Flight Medical Certificate
- A minimum age of 18 years or older

In order to qualify for your CPL, there are a few steps to be completed along the way. These include a Night Rating (which enables you to fly at night), an Instrument Rating (which enables you to fly in adverse weather and poor visibility conditions), pass 8 SACAA commercial Subjects and a complete minimum of 200 flying hours.

Having the above mentioned Ratings, along with Multi-Engine Rating, makes you more employable as a pilot.

Requirement for the CPL is to attend a Ground School on all of the above mentioned subjects and to pass their applicable SACAA Examinations. You must also pass a Practical Flying Test You must also pass a Practical Flying Test with a Grade I, Designated Flight Examiner (DE) assigned by the SACAA.

The table below gives you an idea of what the course entails:

STEPS	PHASE 1: NIGHT RATING (Week 1 to 4)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
1	2.0 hours Instrument Briefing (IFR Briefing).			
2	5.0 hours dual Instrument IFR Training on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	5.0		50.0
3	Night Flying Briefings (as per new part 61 regulations)			
4	2.3 hours Dual triangular Night Navigation.	2.3		52.3
5	1.5 hour dual Circuit Training session on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	1.5		53.8
6	1.5 hour Flight Test with either the Chief Flying Instructor or other Senior Instructor on the aircraft trained on.	1.5		55.3
7	Submit Night Rating to the South African Civil Aviation Authority.			
	TOTALS	40.3	15.0	55.3

STEPS	PHASE 2: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Week 5 to 9)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
8	30.0 hours solo Navigation exercises on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.		30.0	85.3
9	Commercial Ground School enrolment - includes all necessary study material followed by 10 weeks of evening lectures.			
	TOTALS	40.3	45.0	85.3

STEPS	PHASE 3: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Week 10 to 14)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
10	30.0 hours solo Navigation exercises on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee. Commercial Ground School continues.		30.0	115.3
	TOTALS	40.3	75.0	115.3

STEPS	PHASE 4: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Weeks 15 to 19)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
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11	Enrolment for the Commercial Examinations (8 subjects with 8 examinations).			
12	20.0 hours solo long distance exercises on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.		20.0	135.3
	TOTALS	40.3	95.0	135.3

STEPS	COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS (Week 20 to 24)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
13	Write Commercial Examinations (SACAA)			
	TOTALS	4.3	95.0	135.3

STEPS	PHASE 5: COMPLETION OF HOUR BUILDING (Week 25 to 27)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
14	International Cross-country Exercise. Rand - Vryburg - Upington - Keetmanshoop - Windhoek - Ghanzi - Gabarone - Rand.		20.0	155.3
15	General Radio License course, Examination and Certificate.			
	TOTALS	40.3	115.0	155.3

STEPS	INSTRUMENT RATING TRAINING (Week 28 to 30)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
16	Instrument lectures.			
17	15.0 hours dual Instrument Flight on Procedural Training Frasca Tru-Flight Simulator.	15.0		170.3
18	7.0 hours Dual on Piper Archer	7.0		177.3
19	5.0 hours solo IF practice on the Piper Archer.		5.0	182.3
	TOTALS	62.3	120.0	182.3

STEPS	SOLO INSTRUMENT CONSOLIDATION (Week 31 to 43)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
20	5.0 hours solo Instrument practice accompanied by a safety pilot on the Piper Archer.		5.0	187.3

	TOTALS	62.3	125.0	187.3
STEPS	COMMERCIAL PREPARATION (Week 33 to 40)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
21	Commercial preparation classroom Briefings.			
22	7.0 hours Dual commercial and Instrument preparation on Cessna 182RG Variable pitch, Fuel Injection, Retractable undercarriage Aircraft.	7.0		194.3
23	2.0 hours solo Commercial IFR preparation on a Piper Archer.		2.0	196.3
24	2.0 hours solo Consolidation VFR preparation on Piper Cherokee		2.0	198.3
25	Complete Class I Flight Medical Exam and obtain Certificate			
26	2.0 hours final Commercial flight Test on C182RG with a SACAA Designated Flight Examiner	2.0		200.3
27	Issue of Commercial Pilot License at the South Africa Civil Aviation Authority.			
	TOTALS	71.3	129.0	200.3

We at Elite Aviation Academy strive to provide you with quality flight training on quality aircraft by quality instructors, we try our best to keep our rates and courses the same throughout the year, unfortunately due to short notice, fuel prices and landing fees increases at Rand Airport together with the fact that our Aircraft maintenance cost are directly affected by the ZAR/US Dollar exchange rate, we cannot guarantee the rates of our Aircraft.

For a detailed breakdown of our estimated cost, e-mail Jacques on info@eliteaa.co.za