

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: INITIAL TRAINING (Week 1 to 4)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
1	Introductory flight with Instructor.	0.5		0.5
2	Administration, Excess Insurance and Enrolment.			
3	X-rays and a report obtained from radiologist.			
4	Obtain a Class II Flight Medical Certificate which is valid for a period of 24 months (Elite Aviation Academy utilizes an approved Medical Examiner available at the air- port).			
5	Obtain the Pilot Kit. All necessary flight training material is included - maps, books, rulers, protractors, checklists, fuel testers, computers and study material.			
6	6.0 hours dual Flight Instruction on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee 160 (basic exercises).	6.0		6.5
7	Progress check-ride of approximately 1.0 hours with our Chief Flying Instructor or other Senior Instructor (to assess your development and ability). Language Proficiency Test.	1.0		7.5
8	Pre-flight briefings given on the ground through the duration of your dual training.			
9	Write Aircraft Technical and Pre-solo Examinations in order to apply for a Student Pilot License. Enroll for the SACAA PPL Examinations			
10	Engines and Airframes Ground School Course and Examinations.			
11	Principles of Flight Ground School Course and Examinations.			
12	Obtain Student Pilot License from the SACAA.			
13	5.0 hours of dual Circuit Instruction on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	5.0		12.5
14	Your first Solo flight in the type on which you have been training (either a Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee).	0.6	0.4	
	TOTALS	13.1	0.4	13.5

STEPS	PHASE 2: CIRCUIT TRAINING (Week 5 to 6)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
15	Combined 2.0 hours dual and 4.0 hours Solo training in the Circuit on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee (various circuit techniques). Also known as circuit consolidation.	2.0	4.0	19.5
16	Air Law Ground School Course and Examinations.			
	TOTALS	15.1	4.4	19.5

STEPS	PHASE 3: (Week 7 to 8)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
17	2.0 hours dual General Flying Area training on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	2.0		21.5
18	1.5 - 2.0 hours advanced classroom Briefings.			
19	2.0 hours solo General Flying Area training on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.		2.0	23.5
20	Restricted Radio Course (including study material), Examination and Certificate.			
21	1.5 hours advanced dual General Flying Exercises on the Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee	1.5		25.0
22	2.0 hours advanced classroom Briefings.			
23	3.0 hours advanced solo General Flying Area practice on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee		3.0	28.0
24	Meteorology Ground School Course and Examination.			
25	Flight Planning Ground School Course and Examination.			
	TOTALS	18.6	9.4	28.0

STEPS	PHASE 4: FINAL PPL PREPARATION (Week 9 to 10)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
26	Navigation Course and Examination.			28.0
27	Human Performance Ground School Course and Examination.			

28	Short dual Navigational Cross-country flight on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	2.0		30.0
29	1.5 hours classroom Briefings.			
30	Long dual Navigational Cross-country flight on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	2.3		2.3
31	1.5 hours classroom Briefings.			
32	AIC and AIP Examination.			
33	First solo Navigation triangular cross country flight on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.		3.0	35.3
34	Second solo Navigation Triangular Cross-country flight on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee		2.6	37.9
35	5.0 Hours Dual Instrument Training on Frasca Tru-Flight Simulator.	5.0		42.9
36	1.5 hours classroom Briefings on final PPL test preparation. PPL Test preparation.			
37	Private Pilot license final flight test with senior instructor on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	2.1		45.0
38	Submit documentation to the SACAA for issue of a PPL.			
	TOTALS	30.0	15.0	45.0

STEPS	PHASE 5: NIGHT RATING (Week 11 to 14)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
39	2.0 hours Instrument Briefing (IFR Briefing).			
40	5.0 hours dual Instrument IFR Training on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	5.0		50.0
41	Night Flying Briefings (as per new part 61 regulations)			
42	2.3 hours Dual triangular Night Navigation.	2.3		52.3
43	1.5 hour dual Circuit Training session on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.	1.5		53.8

44	1.5 hour Flight Test with either the Chief Flying Instructor or other Senior Instructor on the aircraft trained on.	1.5		55.3
45	Submit Night Rating to the South African Civil Aviation Authority.			
	TOTALS	40.3	15.0	55.3

STEPS	PHASE 1: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Week 15 to 19)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
46	30.0 hours solo Navigation exercises on Cessna 172 or Piper Cherokee.		30.0	85.3
47	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 2: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Week 20 to 24)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
48	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 3: STRUCTURED NAVIGATION (Weeks 25 to 29)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
49	Enrolment for the Commercial Examinations (8 subjects with 8 examinations).			
50	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 30 to 34)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
51	Write Commercial Examinations (SACAA)			
	TOTALS	4.3	95.0	135.3

STEPS	PHASE 4: COMPLETION OF HOUR BUILDING (Week 35 to 37)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
52	International Cross-country Exercise. Rand - Vryburg - Upington - Keetmanshoop - Windhoek - Ghanzi - Gabarone - Rand.		20.0	155.3
53	General Radio License course, Examination and Certificate.			
	TOTALS	40.3	115.0	155.3

STEPS	INSTRUMENT RATING TRAINING (Week 38 to 40)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
54	Instrument lectures.			
55	15.0 hours dual Instrument Flight on Procedural Training Frasca Tru-Flight Simulator.	15.0		170.3
56	7.0 hours Dual on Piper Archer	7.0		177.3
57	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 41 to 42)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
58	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 43 to 50)	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL HOURS
59	Commercial preparation classroom Briefings.			
60	7.0 hours Dual commercial and Instrument preparation on Cessna 182RG Variable pitch, Fuel Injection, Retractable undercarriage Aircraft.	7.0		194.3
61	2.0 hours solo Commercial IFR preparation on a Piper Archer.		2.0	196.3
62	2.0 hours solo Consolidation VFR preparation on Piper Cherokee		2.0	198.3

63	Complete Class I Flight Medical Exam and obtain Certificate			
64	2.0 hours final Commercial flight Test on C182RG with a SACAA Designated Flight Examiner	2.0		200.3
65	Issue of Commercial Pilot License at the South Africa Civil Aviation Authority.			
	TOTALS	71.3	129.0	200.3

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