



Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter)



About the Course

The Private Pilot Licence (PPL) Course comprises of;

- **45 hours of Flight Training, of which 13 hours are solo flights.**
- **17 hours of pre-flight briefings**
- **100 hours of theoretical knowledge training in preparation for 9 exams**

In order to fly solo and to exercise the privileges of an EASA Private Pilot Licence you must be in possession of an EASA Class Two Medical. A list of medical examiners who can undertake class two initial medicals can be found at <https://www.iaa.ie/personnel-licensing/aero-medical-section/examiners> In order to fly solo you must pass an English Language Proficiency Test.

The PPL course will not only teach you how to control the aircraft, but is aimed at giving you a solid understanding of the following subjects:

● Aircraft General Knowledge	● Meteorology
● Air Law	● Navigation
● Communication	● Operational Procedures
● Flight Performance & Planning	● Principles of Flight
● Human Performance & Limitations	



The aim of the PPL Course is to provide the Student Pilot with the skills and understanding necessary to safely fly a Robinson 44 Helicopter during daylight hours for private purposes. Additional helicopter ratings can be added to this Licence.



Pre-Requisites

To begin the training there are no pre-requisites, other than the ability to be able to reach all of the controls when seated in the pilot seat. NFC minimum age to begin training is 15, you must be at least 16 years of age to fly the helicopter solo. You must be 17 years of age for the issue of an EASA Private Pilot Licence.



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Start Dates

Each Student commences and progresses through the course at a time and pace that suits them. There are pre-set dates for the ground school for the theoretical knowledge, this takes places over a series of weekends or there is a compressed 5 day exam preparation course.

Course Length & Limitations

There is no minimum nor maximum amount of time in which the training must be completed. Remember that the 45 hours of flight training is the minimum amount of training required, however, there is a standard that needs to be reached prior to applying for your pilot skills test. Our standard operating procedures dictate a maximum of 4 hours flying/simulator training per day and 20 hours training in any 6 day period.

Costs



National Flight Centre Pilot Academy operate a pay as you go policy, i.e. you pay for each training session or briefing after you receive it.

ITEM	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration – NFC 12 month subscription	€527	€527
45 Hours Robinson 44 Helicopter	€710	€31,950
c30 Hours of Briefings	€88	€2,640
Hire of R44 for PPL Skills Test		€1,080
		€36,197

Total

Additional charges will be made by the Irish Aviation Authority for exams and the issue of the PPL. There is an additional charge for the ELP Test and for the IAA Examiner that conducts the pilot skills test.

Please note that due to ATC, weather and other factors out side of NFC control, there can occasionally be delays to start times of flight lessons. NFC operate a student cancellation policy.

Various Airport charges, landing fees & touch & go in Airports other than Weston Airport will apply.

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