



# YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A PILOT

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The decision to become a pilot is normally driven by a passion for all things aviation and a lifelong dream. The journey to realising your dream will require commitment, self-discipline and hard work.



Gimbal Cabri G2 and Sling 2 taking off from Mossel Bay Airfield

One of the decisions you will need to make is whether you want to fly helicopters, aeroplanes or both. An introductory flight experience gives you an inside look at the real world of flying, during which time you will get the opportunity to feel what it feels like to pilot an aircraft to help you make your decision.

If you are looking at training for a career as a professional pilot, you are about to make a significant investment of your time, your money and your future.

## CHOOSING THE BEST TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOU

Your journey to becoming a pilot begins with selecting a training school. There are many, so how does one choose?

Above all other considerations, a flight school's safety record and reputation may be the two most important aspects you need to consider when deciding where to complete your training.

It is important that you investigate which academy suits your needs. It is vital to visit a few schools, meet the CFI and instructors, talk to students that are currently undergoing their training and look for a proven track record of pilot training, to ensure that the school has the right credentials.



Ground school classes at the Mossel Bay campus

## WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS?

The minimum requirements:

- You must be 15 years of age to start your training
- Have a Class 2 medical for a PPL and Class 1 for a CPL
- Pass an English Proficiency Test

When enrolling directly with a flight school there are no mandatory school subjects that are required. If you intend on applying for a bursary or joining the Air Force to obtain your pilot licence, these institutions will have some minimum criteria. In most cases Mathematics and Science is a requirement. Biology and Geography are also useful subjects.

## STEP ONE: PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE (PPL)

The PPL qualifies you to fly with passengers for recreation or personal business purposes without remuneration.

You are required to complete 8 theoretical examinations and a minimum of 45 flying hours for an aeroplane PPL or 50 flying hours for a helicopter PPL.



A student preparing for a flight in the Sling 2 at the Durban campus

## STEP TWO : COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE (CPL)

A CPL qualifies you to fly commercially for remuneration. You are required to complete 9 theoretical examinations and a minimum of 200 flying hours.

We suggest that you seek guidance from your instructor and the CFI to structure these minimum hours to your best advantage based on your short-term and long-term goals.

## STEP THREE : AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT LICENCE (ATPL)

An ATPL is the highest licence you can hold. You are required to write 6 ATP exams and will need to have a total time of 1500 flying hours before you can obtain this licence.

## WHY STARLITE?

Starlite Aviation Training Academy is deemed to be one of the leading pilot training schools by aviation regulatory bodies and has been entrusted to train military and paramilitary contract pilots from numerous countries.

With highly experienced instructors, the academy has graduated more than 4000 pilots over the last 21 years.

Starlite is a diverse and multi-faceted aviation company that has operated on 5 continents and more than 30 countries around the world. The Company has earned a stellar reputation worldwide in the sectors of operations, pilot training, aircraft maintenance, charter flights and aircraft sales.

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Arthur Yano, celebrating his first solo flight



Our students, proudly posing in front of our Bell 407



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