

# New Student Pilot Information

## Medical Certificate: Third/Second/First – Class (Req'd prior to solo)

- A minimum of a third-class medical is required to get the Private Pilot Certificate.
- Get your medical certificate as early as possible to assure eligibility!
- Head on over to: [medexpress.faa.gov](http://medexpress.faa.gov) and create an account. Start a new application and fill all the requested information. Save the confirmation number you receive for your appointment.
- Go to: [designee.faa.gov/#/designeeLocator](http://designee.faa.gov/#/designeeLocator) and locate a local AME. Schedule an appointment for your medical check.
- [AOPA – List of FAA allowed/disallowed meds](#)
- [AOPA – Conditions that may affect certification](#)

## Student Pilot Certificate (Req'd prior to solo)

- Go to [iacra.faa.gov](http://iacra.faa.gov) and create an account. Do not fill in your SSN.
- Start a New Application; Type of application - Pilot, Pilot Certifications - Student Pilot.
- Fill all the required information and submit the application.
- Save the Application ID and your FTN.

## Residency status (Req'd to start training)

- US citizens need to bring proof of citizenship by the second flight lesson.
- Permanent residents/other visas need to go to: [flightschoolcandidates.gov](http://flightschoolcandidates.gov) and create an account.

## Knowledge Test (Req'd prior to solo cross-country)

- It is required to take a written test to obtain the Private Pilot Certificate.
- I highly recommend the most current *Private Pilot Test Prep* by ASA.
- [Sporty's](#), [Gleim](#), [King Schools](#) offer various packages.
- [sportys.com/pilotshop/learn-to-fly/faa-private-pilot-test-prep.html](http://sportys.com/pilotshop/learn-to-fly/faa-private-pilot-test-prep.html) (Free knowledge test practice by Sporty's)
- Go to [faa.psiexams.com](http://faa.psiexams.com) to schedule the test

## Ground School

- Besides flying, there is also a lot of information we must learn to become pilots.
- [Sporty's](#), [Gleim](#), [King Schools](#) offer various packages.
- The FAA provides a lot of handbooks with all the required information for free in a PDF form. *Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge* and the *Airplane Flying Handbook* are HIGHLY recommended. ([faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/handbooks\\_manuals/aviation](http://faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation))
- Free Youtube ground school ([Cyndy Hollman](#), [Pilot Training System](#), [MIT Ground School](#), [UND AeroCast](#), [ERAU SpecialVFR](#), are a notable few)
- I offer one on one instruction at the same rate as a flight rate.

## Renter's Insurance (Req'd prior to solo)

- [Avemco](#)
- [AOPA](#)
- [Aviator's Insurance](#)

## Accessories

- Logbook
- ASA VFR kneeboard
- Headset
- Los Angeles Sectional and Terminal Charts
- FAR/AIM (Current Edition)
- Navigational plotter, E6B
- Handheld Radio
- (Optional, but *highly* recommended) iPad device + [ForeFlight](#) subscription

## Radio Communications

- Listen to live ATC radio communications on [liveatc.net](http://liveatc.net) in order to become familiar with the radio phraseology in aviation, and be more prepared to talk and listen while flying the airplane.
- Pilot/Controller Glossary available in the FAR/AIM

## Other Resources

Go to [tkcfi.com/documents](http://tkcfi.com/documents) to find the electronic version of this page, and for a lot more aviation related resources!

## Private Pilot Requirements

- 40 hours total flight time
  - 20 hours of flight training which includes at least
    - 3 hours of cross-country training
    - 3 hours of night training which includes
      - Cross-country over 100nm total distance
      - 10 takeoff and landings, to a full stop
    - 3 hours under the hood training (ASEL)
    - 3 hours of check-ride prep (ASEL)
  - 10 hours of solo flight which includes
    - 5 hours of cross-country time
    - Cross-country over 150nm total distance, landings at 3 airports, to a full stop
    - 3 takeoff and landings, to a full stop, in a towered airport

Please note: the numbers above are the minimum required. The national average, according to the FAA, indicates most pilots require 60 to 75 hours of flight training.