

PILOT RISE FLIGHT SCHOOL

WELCOME PACKET

For those who want to go beyond
“good enough”



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Our Story

Sometimes “good enough” just isn’t good enough. Michael, our founder, began his journey as a flight instructor at a local flight school, but he wasn’t satisfied. Most flight schools focus on simply passing the checkride, but Michael wanted more.

He wanted a program with a strict focus on quality. One that would inspire a passion for excellence and professionalism. One that equips pilots for safety and confidence. So he started his own.

Starting small, Michael operated Pilot Rise out of his dad’s hangar, with the kitchen serving as the classroom. His unwavering commitment to quality and affordability led to Pilot Rise’s growth. Today, we have nine dedicated instructors and a fleet of five airplanes, and we’re just getting started!

Why Choose Pilot Rise?

Quality Focused

More than a license, we aim for your lifelong flying excellence.

Personalized Training

Tailored courses meet your unique learning needs.

Affordable

Top-notch training that won't break the bank.

Financing Available

Reach your dreams with financial ease, like at large flight schools.

Structured Programs

Each lesson is a step closer to your aviation goals.

Safety First

Not just a catchphrase, it's our commitment.

Karl's Journey with Pilot Rise

Karl began training with Pilot Rise in May 2019. Even with budget constraints and paying out of pocket, Karl became an airline pilot in just over 3 years.

Private Pilot

July 2019

He did it! Karl is a pilot!

Instrument Rating

July 2020

Karl is one step closer!

Commercial Pilot

August 2021

He can now fly for hire!

Pipeline Pilot

September 2021

First commercial pilot job

Regional Airline

October 2022

AIRLINE PILOT CRJ-900

Major Airline

June 2023

He landed his DREAM JOB flying the A320!



Steps to Become an Airline Pilot

1. Private Pilot

Starting: \$8,500

Requirements:

- 40 hours total time
- Solo: 16yo, License: 17yo
- Read, speak, write, and understand English
- Obtain a 3rd class Medical

This license allows you to fly almost anywhere in clear skies. You can take friends along, aid charities, but can't be paid for flying.

2. Instrument Rating

Starting: \$7,000

Requirements:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- 50h PIC cross country time
- 40h instrument time

An Instrument Rating lets you fly in clouds and follow airline-like procedures. Often called the 'Golden Ticket,' it reduces weather-related cancellations. It's a key step for safer flying every pilot should consider.

3. Commercial Pilot

Starting: \$14,500

Requirements:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- 18yo
- 250 hours total time

Recommended Prerequisite:

- Instrument Rating

This license allows you to fly for pay in various roles like crop dusting, pipeline patrol, aerial photography, and ferrying aircraft. It's not your airline pilot ticket—that comes later.

4. Flight Instructor

Starting: \$3,500

Requirements:

- Commercial Pilot Certificate
- 18yo

Most commonly used to build hours and gain experience, this challenging license lets you get paid while teaching new pilots.

5. Commercial Multi

Starting: \$4,000

Requirements:

- 18yo
- Private Pilot Certificate

Recommended Prerequisite:

- Commercial Pilot Single (cheaper)

This add-on enables you to fly multi-engine planes. It's crucial for airline eligibility and provides the 25h of multi time needed for your ATP Certificate.

6. Airline Transport Pilot

Paid by Airline

Requirements:

- Restricted: 21yo
- Unrestricted: 23yo
- 1st Class Medical
- Multi Commercial Cert
- Instrument Rating
- 1500h total time
- 25h multi-engine time

The Airline Transport Pilot Certificate is the highest level of pilot certification and is mandatory to serve as a captain or first officer in commercial airline operations. It signifies advanced training in complex aircraft systems and operations.

What you Need to Know

Visit PilotRise.com for a detailed price breakdown and more information on our courses. Keep in mind that most people don't meet the minimum requirements, so budget for an additional 20-30% on the starting cost.

Every certificate level mandates an FAA written exam; flight instructor certificates require multiple tests.

For specifics on hour requirements, required knowledge, flight training, as well as limitations and privileges for each certificate type, consult CFR 14 Part 61.

While cost matters, remember cheaper isn't always better. Quality training is a long-term investment in safety and career prospects. Also, a big, fancy school doesn't necessarily improve your odds of success or employability.

FINANCING

ZERO to HERO

DEFERRED Payment Options

Get to the airlines in UNDER 3 YEARS!

Types of Programs

We offer various financing plans, from zero-experience to commercial or flight instructor levels, and also for private or instrument training. Custom plans are available too.

We're partnered with Stratus Finance for career-focused training and Flight Training Finance LLC for alternative approval or recreational flying.

Faster & Cheaper Than a 141 College Program

As a Part 61 flight school, we offer more affordable rates than college aviation programs, making financing and training completion easier. While college Part 141 programs can cut 500 hours off the airline pilot requirement, they require a four-year degree. Our program can get you to airline minimums in under three years.

Get Back What You Don't Use

If you finish training under budget, we refund 90% of the unused amount, unlike many schools that pocket the difference. If you terminate training, you're only responsible for the costs incurred, minus any fees. We won't lock you into an inflexible financing contract.

(For standard programs only; custom plans have unique terms.)

Learn more about our financing programs & apply here:



Training & Syllabus

Customized Syllabus

At Pilot Rise, we've developed our own unique syllabi for each level of training, setting us apart from many other flight schools. Tailored to you, our programs guarantee a personal, comprehensive learning journey.

Detailed Training Records

We meticulously track your progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. This ensures consistency and quality in your training, making it a smooth transition should you ever need to switch instructors.

Time & Cost Efficiency

Our meticulous record-keeping streamlines your training, saving you both time and money. Instead of puzzling over what comes next, you can concentrate fully on mastering your flying skills.

Accessibility & Transparency

You can view your training record at any time, providing you with a clear roadmap of your progression.

Flexibility

Unlike rigid college programs, we're extremely adaptable. Our syllabus and training programs are customized to each student's needs. At Pilot Rise, it's never a 'one size fits all' approach.

Scan here to review our syllabi:



Aviation Training Device

What is a BATD?

A Basic Aviation Training Device (BATD) is a sophisticated “simulator” that mimics real-world flying conditions. It's an effective tool for enhancing your training experience while saving on costs.

Integrating BATD in Your Training

We've seamlessly incorporated the BATD into our syllabus to offer several advantages:

- **Cost Savings:** Much cheaper than renting aircraft
- **Maintaining Proficiency:** Keep your skills sharp
- **Flexibility:** Weather won't ground you. Risk-free environment. Pause, relocate, custom scenarios, practice out any airport in the world.

Loggable Time

- Private Pilot: Up to 2.5 hours
- Instrument Rating: Up to 10 hours
- Instrument Currency: Log approaches to maintain currency

Potential SAVINGS

- Private Pilot Training: **Save at least \$300**, likely more!
- Instrument Training: **Save at least \$1,250**, likely WAY MORE!
- Instrument Currency: **Save over \$700** by not needing an IPC.
- Non-Loggable Practice: 10 BATD hours cost less than 1 flight hour.

FAA-Approved



BATD

Your Path to Becoming a Private Pilot

Stage 1: Pre-Solo

The initial phase, known as Pre-solo, is all about mastering the basics. You'll learn essential skills such as landing, emergency handling, and maneuvering. Your instructor will guide you through aircraft systems, safety protocols, and local flying norms. Once your instructor deems you ready, you'll earn your solo endorsement, allowing you to fly solo as young as age 16 to build confidence and gain experience.

For each flying hour, plan to self-study for around four hours. This is crucial for passing your FAA written exam and acquiring foundational knowledge in areas like regulations, aircraft systems, and weather theory.

Stage 2: Cross-Country Training

Post-solo, your focus shifts to cross-country navigation. You'll get hands-on experience with flight planning, navigational techniques, and adapting to new airports. Once proficient, your instructor will endorse you for solo cross-country flights. If you're struggling in Stage 1, Stage 2 can also serve as a refreshing change of pace by introducing you to the broader aspects of aviation.

Stage 3: Checkride Prep

The final stage prepares you for your FAA checkride. You'll alternate between solo practice and dual instruction to solidify your skills. By now, you should have passed your FAA written exam.

Your checkride will include an oral exam to evaluate your knowledge and decision-making abilities, followed by a practical flight test.

Private Pilot Requirements

To obtain a Private Pilot Certificate for a single-engine airplane, you must fulfill the following aeronautical experience criteria as outlined in CFR 14 Part 61.109:

- ☐ Total Time: 40 hours
- ☐ Dual Instruction Time: 20 hours
 - ☐ 3 hours of cross-country flight
 - ☐ 3 hours of night flight
 - ☐ 10 takeoff and landings at night
 - ☐ 100 nm night cross-country
 - ☐ 3 hours of instrument flight training
 - ☐ 3 hours within 2 months of checkride

- ☐ Solo Time: 10 hours
 - ☐ 5 hours of solo cross-country
 - ☐ One 150nm solo cross-country flight with full-stop landings at three points, including a segment over 50nm between takeoff and landing.

For detailed requirements, privileges, and limitations, please consult CFR 14 Part 61. This summary offers a high-level view and should not replace the official text.

Remember, the requirements above are just a baseline. Most students find that additional hours are beneficial for honing their skills to the level required for a successful checkride.

Next Steps Checklist

- ☐ **Begin Online Ground School - pilotrise.groundschool.com**
- ☐ **Review Pilot Rise Syllabus**
- ☐ **Purchase Equipment**
 - ☐ **iPad Mini:** Charts & Apps | Get a kneeboard for iPad use during flight.
 - ☐ **Headset:** \$\$\$: Bose A20 & Zulu 3 / \$\$: David Clark / \$: Rugged Air RA200
 - ☐ **E6B:** For written exams. Recommend electronic E6B; mechanical for budget.
 - ☐ **Flight Bag:** Any bag works; Sportys.com offers flight bags.
 - ☐ **Headlamp (RED LIGHT):** For night flying, get a headlight with red light option.
 - ☐ **Flashlight**
 - ☐ **Sectional Chart**
 - ☐ **Plotter**
 - ☐ **Kneeboard (Optional)**
 - ☐ **Handheld Radio (Optional)**
- ☐ **Install Apps**
 - ☐ **ForeFlight:** Charts, flight logs, flight planning, weather, weight & balance, etc.
 - ☐ **MyFlightBook.com (and app):** Electronic logbook. Free!
 - ☐ **Brainscape.com (and app):** Flashcards targeting weak areas for rapid learning.
 - ☐ **FAR / AIM:** Federal Aviation Regulations & Aeronautical Information Manual.
 - ☐ **Nav Trainer (or similar):** Practice and learn how to use VORs for navigating.
 - ☐ **E6B (Optional):** For inflight computations.
- ☐ **Books & Documents (electronic on Foreflight or physical)**
 - ☐ **Private Pilot Oral Exam Guide by Michael D. Hayes:** Paperback Preferred
 - ☐ **Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge by FAA:** Found on ForeFlight
 - ☐ **ACS Private Pilot Airplane by FAA:** Found on ForeFlight
 - ☐ **Airplane Flying Handbook by FAA:** Found on ForeFlight
 - ☐ **Aviation Weather AC 00-6B by FAA:** Found on ForeFlight
 - ☐ **VFR Chart Legend by FAA:** Found on ForeFlight
 - ☐ **Aircraft Documents:** Provided by Pilot Rise on FlightCircle.

Meet Our Instructors



Unmatched Quality

At Pilot Rise, quality is non-negotiable. Our instructors aren't just good; they're the best in the industry. Trained to excel, each is an FAA Certified Flight Instructor committed to elevating your skills and knowledge.

Rigorous Selection

We're extremely selective in our hiring process. Our instructors go through a stringent vetting procedure, ensuring that we only onboard professionals who meet our high standards.

The Pilot Rise Way

While all our instructors are trained to teach the "Pilot Rise way," each brings their own unique flair and expertise to your learning journey. This blend of standardization and personalization ensures a tailored yet consistent training experience.

Flexibility

Feel free to switch instructors at any time. Our detailed record-keeping ensures seamless transitions, so your training remains uninterrupted and on track.

Your Success, Our Mission

Your dreams become our goals. Our team's mission is to set you up not just for a license, but for a lifetime of skilled, safe, and satisfying flying.

Scan to View Instructors



Why is Pilot Rise Part 61?

What are Part 61 and Part 141 Schools?

Part 61 and Part 141 are two different sets of FAA regulations under which flight schools can operate. Part 61 is more flexible, allowing schools to tailor their programs to individual students. Part 141 schools operate under a more structured, standardized curriculum, often integrated with college programs.

Why We Choose to be Part 61

We believe Part 61 allows us to offer superior training at a faster pace and a more economical rate compared to Part 141 schools. Here's why:

Time-Efficiency

Complete our program in under a year and spend two years accruing the necessary 1,500 flight hours, saving you a year versus a 4-year degree.

Backup Plan

We advocate for a non-aviation degree as a fallback, giving you career alternatives if you can't fly for medical reasons.

Cost-Effective

Part 61 schools, like us, are more affordable than Part 141 schools.

Flexibility

We customize our syllabus to fit your needs, thanks to the flexibility of Part 61.

Airline Focus

Airlines care about your flight hours, not your school. We fast-track your journey to those vital hours without compromising on quality or safety.

Financing

We offer financing options, once an exclusive benefit of Part 141 schools.

When is Part 141 Useful?

For veterans using the GI Bill, Part 141 is necessary. But it doesn't cover Private Pilot training, which you can complete with us affordably before transferring. Plan wisely, as the GI Bill often doesn't cover all costs.

Mooney Rental

Already a pilot?

Unleash your inner adventurer by renting our Mooney aircraft, your ticket to boundless skies and endless destinations across the United States!



Rental Information:

- \$195 / h wet
 - At time of publication. Rate subject to change.
- 4 seats, 150 KIAS
- 10h checkout
 - Some exceptions if you have Mooney or retract time.
 - Minimum total time: 100h
- Equipment:
 - Dual G5s
 - Garmin 530W
 - JPI EDM 930

Ready to fly?
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PILOT RISE POLICIES

Be sure to review our policies and procedures. They address how we operate, important rules, safety procedures, billing, etc.



Referral Program

Earn **\$200** For Each Student You Refer!

That's right! Refer a new flight student to us and earn up to \$200 in cash or apply it toward your flight training balance.

How It Works

For each hour of flight instruction your referral receives, you get \$10, up to the first 20 hours.

Why It Matters

By referring students to us, you're not just earning cash or training credits—you're helping us save on advertising costs. This enables us to keep our prices competitive and pass the savings on to you.

Terms and Conditions

Refer to our website for complete program terms. Scan the QR Code below to learn more.



Disclaimer: This program is subject to change, and this document may not be up-to-date. Please refer to our website for up-to-date details.

Other Ways to Help

- 1. Google Reviews** Great Google Reviews make all the difference. Leave a review and help us soar higher!
- 2. AOPA Survey** Spare 15 minutes? Complete this AOPA survey: <https://aopa.org/takesurvey>
- 3. Feedback?** Email any training or instructor concerns to info@pilotrise.com; Michael, our founder, will handle it personally.

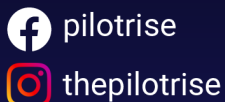
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SOCIALS



"Very accommodating flight school with an excellent group of instructors. They go out of their way to make themselves available for my difficult schedule and the instructors do a great job of engaging students. Highly recommended!"

"There is literally not a better flight school out there 👍 top notch!"

"It's been a good journey here at Pilots Rise. I have had a very good experience. Jo Anna, Aaron, and now my primary CFI, Jonathan, are fantastic instructors. They want to work with you and enable you to excel in flying! The prices are very competitive, and the curriculum itself is great! I recommend!"

"I wouldn't be an airline pilot without this flight school."



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