Private Pilot Training Syllabus

BETTER TRAINING. BETTER PRICE.

Built on the aeronautical experience requirements of 14 CFR 61.109.

WHAT THE CERTIFICATE REQUIRES

40	total hours
10	hours solo, 5 of those cross-country
3	hour, 100 NM night cross-country with 10 full-stop taxi-backs
3	takeoffs and landings at a towered field
3	hours simulated instrument training

Flight blocks are 1.5 hours unless noted otherwise.

STAGE 1 Road to Solo — 15 hr

PURPOSE

Land consistently and safely, respond correctly to every emergency procedure, communicate effectively, and fly the aircraft within ACS standards.

1	**Straight and level, climbs and descents, trim**	1.5 hr
2	**Maneuvers and ground reference**	1.5 hr
3	**Maneuvers and ground reference**	1.5 hr
4	**Takeoffs and landings, maneuvers, emergency procedures**	1.5 hr
5	**Maneuvers, emergency procedures**	1.5 hr
6	**Takeoffs and landings (towered airport)**	1.5 hr
7	**Takeoffs and landings (home airport)**	1.5 hr
8	**Takeoffs and landings (towered airport)**	1.5 hr
9	**Stage 1 check — takeoffs and landings (home airport)**	2 hr
10	**First solo (if ready)**	1 hr

> If you are not ready to solo by lesson 10, we keep practising takeoffs and landings at different airports. That builds landing proficiency and feeds straight into cross-country prep, so none of it is wasted time.

STAGE 2 Cross Countries — 19 hr

PURPOSE

Navigate to any airport in any scenario, including when the plan changes on you partway through.

1	**Dual cross-country 1 (solo route)**	2.5 hr
2	**Night cross-country (alternate route, 10 takeoffs and landings)**	3 hr
3	**Solo takeoff and landing practice**	1.5 hr
4	**Solo takeoff and landing practice**	1.5 hr
5	**Short cross-country and maneuvers**	1.5 hr
6	**Short cross-country and maneuvers**	1.5 hr
7	**Progress check — dual cross-country 2 (solo route)**	2.5 hr
8	**Solo cross-country**	2.5 hr
9	**Solo cross-country**	2.5 hr

STAGE 3 Checkride Prep — 6 hr

PURPOSE

Proficient in every task the ACS requires — maneuvers, stalls, performance takeoffs and landings, emergency procedures, and navigation.

1	**Solo takeoff and landing practice**	1.5 hr
2	**Checkride prep**	1.5 hr
3	**Checkride prep**	1.5 hr
4	**Mock checkride**	1.5 hr

Program total

15 + 19 + 6 **40 hr**

> These are minimums, not predictions. Most people need more than 40 hours, and that is normal — the certificate comes when you meet the standard, not when the hours run out.