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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How much does it cost to join?**

**A:** Active (flying) Membership dues are \$49 per month, with a one-time \$600 initiation fee.

**Q: How much do the planes cost?**

**A:** Aircraft range from \$52 to \$109 an hour (tach) and fuel is included (wet).

**Q: How much does an instructor cost?**

**A:** Instructors cost \$37 an hour for both ground and flight instruction.

**Q: How long does it take to get a pilot's license (Private Pilot Certificate)?**

**A:** This depends solely on your efforts including your flying performance with an instructor, how much effort you put into the “book” work and retain your knowledge. Additional factors include weather conditions, aircraft availability (not usually an issue), and your personal life such as family obligations. Although the industry likes to use “40 hours” as a number – which may be possible, the reality is usually twice that number of hours.

**Q: How much does it cost to earn a pilot's license (Private Pilot Certificate)?**

**A:** If you use “50 hours” as a benchmark and take that times \$107 for our Cherokee and \$37 for the instructor, the cost would be an estimated \$7200 dollars (\$5350 + \$1850). Again, if it takes twice as many hours for your license than the cost will be twice as much.

Again, the key thing to remember is that “hours” doesn't make a pilot. Your flying skill and your practical application of the knowledge you have gained are what make you a pilot. Everything in aviation revolves around what is legal and what is safe. Knowledge is KEY.

**Q: I might be interested but I am still not sure...what should I do?**

**A:** Try **Provisional Membership** since this allows prospective pilots to experience flying without making a major financial commitment. An initiation fee of \$49 and dues of \$49 per month entitles you to three hours of flight instruction **at member rates**, and if you apply for **Active Membership** the initial three hours is extended until your application is acted on. Provisional Members have limited privileges, but the application can be accepted on-the-spot by your CFI.

[Download the Membership Application](#)

**Q: Ok...I have waited all my life and want to be a pilot... what should I do?**

**A:** Go get *cleared for flight* by contacting an FAA Medical Examiner. As a student pilot you will need to have a "Student Pilot Certificate" issued to you by the examiner to solo, so you might as well get this out of the way now. Cost is est. \$145 (cash usually)

Find an AME (Aviation Medical Examiner) at: <https://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/>

**Q: Ok...I now have my student pilot certificate...what should I do?**

**A:** Go to our web site and contact a flight instructor to see which one can best accommodate your specific needs.

Our list of flight instructors is at: <http://www.pennyanflyingclub.com/instructors.asp>

**Q: I have picked my instructor...what should I do next?**

**A:** Go to our web site and download a membership application at the link shown below or take one from our table (if visiting the club).

<http://www.pennyanflyingclub.com/docs/2019-Membership-Application-Form.pdf>

At this point you will **hand in your application to your instructor** who will then set up your account in our reservation system (MyFBO). This reservation system is where you will schedule your flights, flight instructor and manage your billing account...and yes, credit cards are accepted.

Best of luck to you!

*Blue skies and calm winds...and see the world in a whole new way!*