



FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING (FIR)

TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION OF PILOTS

A photograph of two men in flight gear. One man, wearing an orange high-visibility vest over a white t-shirt and sunglasses, is pointing at a tablet held by another man. The second man, wearing a yellow high-visibility vest over a white shirt and sunglasses, is looking at the tablet. They are standing next to the open cockpit of a small aircraft. The background shows a clear blue sky and a blurred airfield.

#TheSkylsCalling **LAUNCH YOUR CAREER IN** **THE AVIATION INDUSTRY**

Obtaining your **Flight Instructor Rating (FIR)** is a rewarding and exciting challenge for any pilot. As a qualified Flight Instructor you will be able to **conduct both ground and in-flight instruction**. There is no way to explain the feeling of watching a student you trained take to the sky for the first time.

The skills you learn will not only make you an effective flight trainer, but a better pilot in general. Flight Instructing in itself can be a fantastic career option, offering an excellent work/life balance, progression pathways, and high job availability. On top of that, a Flight Instructor Rating will really open up your pilot career opportunities.



THE BEST WAY TO BUILD YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCE

Even if you're not looking for a long-term career, undertaking work as a Flight Instructor is **the perfect way to gain experience**, build your Pilot in Command (PIC) flying hours and teach others about what you're really passionate about: flying.

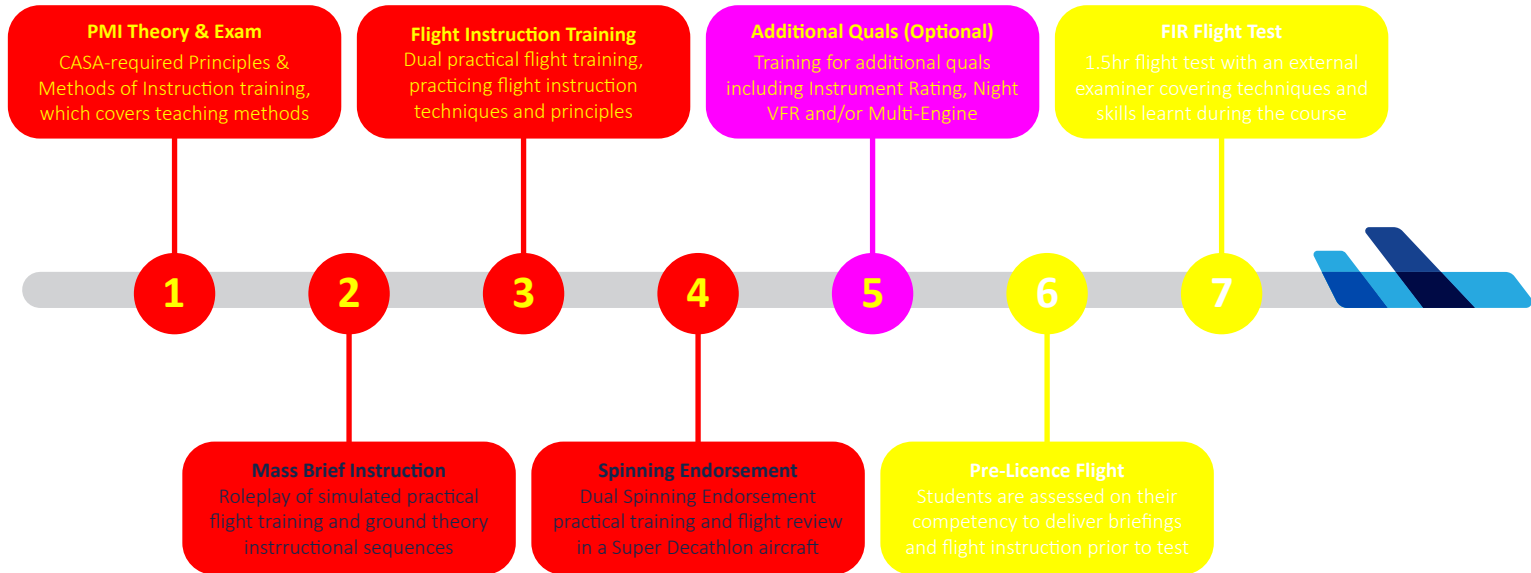
Many aviation jobs (including qualification for an airline pilot role) require that you have a minimum amount of flying hours. Getting paid to teach as a Flight Instructor enables you to build hours whilst refining and adding to your own piloting techniques and skill set.

While working as a Flight Instructor, you have the opportunity to undertake a range of training endorsements, allowing you to teach students in more varied flight activities. This even further expands the ways in which you can build hours.



TRAINING PROCESS & COURSE DURATION

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING COURSE PROCESS



FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING WEEKLY PLANNER

WEEK 1

Day 1 PMI (FAA booklet chapters 1-4)

Day 2 Briefing formats/methods, demo effects of controls

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 2

Day 1 PMI (FAA booklet chapters 5-9)

Day 2 Student briefing readbacks, demo straight and level

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 3

Day 1 Demo climbing and descending, student readbacks

Day 2 Demo long brief, demo medium level turns

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 4

Day 1 Demo long brief - stalling

Day 2 Preflight readbacks (random topics), long briefs

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 5

Day 1 Demo long brief - normal circuits

Day 2 Long brief readbacks up to and including stalling

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 6

Day 1 Planned long brief - crosswind circuits

Day 2 Advanced circuit topic discussion (crosswind, flapless, short field, circuit emergencies)

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 7

Day 1 Demo long brief - crosswind circuits

Day 2 Planned long brief - practice forced landings

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 8

Day 1 Long brief discussion - precautionary search

Day 2 Planned long and pre-flight brief readbacks

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 9

Day 1 Planned long and pre-flight brief readbacks, planned discussion on navigation exercises and basic instrument flight

Day 2 Planned long and pre-flight brief readbacks, planned discussion on flight lessons, licence syllabus, student issues, FIR flight test form, pre-flight, air exercise, de-brief techniques

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEK 10

Day 1-2 Planned long and pre-flight brief readbacks on basic aerodynamic topics, advanced circuits and/or manoeuvres, tailored to student requirements. Feedback from practical flight training instructors to identify areas for further development prior to flight test

Day 3-5 Practical flight training

WEEKS 11 & 12

Day 1 Briefing topic review for pre-licence stage

Day 2 Required flight test documentation/paperwork review

Day 3-5 FIR flight tests

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING

COURSE DURATION



FULL TIME 12 WEEKS

Flying and studying 4-5 days per week



PART TIME 6 - 12 MONTHS

Flying and studying 1-2 days per week

Average duration based on past students. Course duration will depend entirely on individual student time commitment.



AIRCRAFT SELECTION



DA40

Diamond Aircraft

Continental CD-135 Engine/Lycoming IO-360

Garmin G500 or Garmin G1000 Avionics

Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) 1150/1200kgs

Cruising Speed 130kts

4 Seater



SLING 2 LSA

Sling Aircraft



Rotax 912 ULS Engine

Garmin G3X Touch-Screen Avionics

Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) 600kgs

Cruising Speed 110kts

2 Seater



172 SKYHAWK

Cessna

Lycoming IO-360-L2A Engine
Garmin G430 Avionics + Analogue Instruments
Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) 1100kgs
Cruising Speed 122kts
4 Seater





FLIGHT PACKAGE & AIRCRAFT OPTIONS

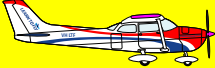
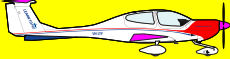
FIR PACKAGE - PRICING & PACKAGE DETAILS



Package	Sling 2 LSA	Cessna 172	Diamond DA40
Practical Flight Instruction in Aircraft (Dual)	35 Hours	35 Hours	35 Hours
PMI Ground Theory Course	✓	✓	✓
FIR Ground School	Up To 70 Hours	Up To 70 Hours	Up To 70 Hours
Design Feature Training Endorsement	✗	✗	✓
Basic IF Training Endorsement	✓	✓	✓
Spinning Flight Activity Endorsement	1 Hour - Super Decathlon	1 Hour - Super Decathlon	1 Hour - Super Decathlon
FIR Flight Test Fee	✓	✓	✓
Uniform	✓	✓	✓
COST	\$24,790	\$26,990	\$28,990

Ancillary costs may include additional competency hours (if required) and flight test flying hours. Prices are subject to change and will be charged based on the current pricing schedule at the time of booking. Current as at December 2025.

PAYMENT OPTION 2 - PAY AS YOU FLY

	Sling 2 LSA	Dual & Supervised Solo \$388/hr Private Hire for Flight Test \$288/hr
	Cessna 172	Dual & Supervised Solo \$458/hr Private Hire for Flight Test \$358/hr
	Diamond DA40	Dual & Supervised Solo \$518/hr Private Hire for Flight Test \$418/hr
	Super Decathlon	Dual & Supervised Solo \$495/hr
	Theory Lessons	\$130/hr
	FIR Flight Test Fee	\$990

Pay As You Fly rates do not include the purchase of required items including simulation hours, course theory materials, exams, flight tests, uniform and logbooks, or access to the Learn To Fly online student portal. Please email hello@learntofly.edu.au for any cost-related enquiries. Prices are in AUD and are subject to change. You will be charged based on the current pricing schedule at the time of booking. Current as at December 2025.



OUR GRADUATE: SUMMER RUSSELL

"The Flight Instructor Rating at Learn to Fly was a brilliant opportunity to learn new skills from a variety of industry professionals. The experienced instructors running the program helped me to better my flying skills while giving me valuable tips to help teach a variety of students. Since completing the FIR I have been fortunate enough to begin my instructing career at Learn to Fly, and am grateful for the continued support I receive from the instructing team" - Summer Russell, Gr3 LTF Flight Instructor

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