



## Commercial Pilot's Licence CPL(H) – Fact Sheet

### Pre-Entry Requirements

With this licence you work flying on the type of helicopter that you completed your course on. Minimum age for licence is 18 years, and you must have a PPL(H) already.

You will need a class one medical from an Aero Medical Examiner. See here for [Medical FAQ](#)

The licence is a CPL Helicopter issued by the UK CAA, which operates under European regulations, this is all overseen by EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency).

The licence is European wide licence. It is recognized in other parts of the world but these places will have their own governing authority.

### Theory

This is a lot more involved than the PPL knowledge studies and you must follow an approved ground school syllabus. This can be home study or residential depending upon your needs and how well you can study on your own. The exams are multiple choice on each of the following subjects:

1. Air law
2. Operational procedures
3. Aircraft general knowledge - Airframe/systems/powerplant
4. Aircraft general knowledge - Instruments
5. General navigation
6. Radio navigation
7. Human performance
8. Meteorology
9. Performance
10. VFR Communications
11. Mass and balance
12. Flight planning & monitoring
13. Principles of flight

The pass mark is 75% for each exam. All exams must be passed within 18 months of your first sitting, you are only allowed a maximum of six sittings and one topic, if failed, can only be taken a maximum of three times.

We are always here to assist with the ground school side of things if you're struggling with a particular topic. The exams are sat with the CAA at Gatwick.

### Flying

There are the minimum entry requirements before the course can be started. You must have 155 hours total time prior to the course. You must also have passed all the exams described above. You may be credited with some time if you have previous experience. ([FAQ Flying credit](#)) Through the course there are a number of exercises to be completed as stipulated by the UK CAA. The minimum course is 35 hours flight time, including 5 hours of night flying.

The CPL(H) skills test once you have completed all the flight training will be conducted by a CAA assigned approved examiner. This is usually a flight lasting 1½ to 2 hours.