



Private Pilot's Licence PPL(H) – Fact Sheet

Pre-Entry Requirements

With this licence you can fly yourself (and passengers) on the type of helicopter that you completed your course on. Minimum age for licence is 17 years, but you can start as young as 14. You will need a class one or two medical from an Aero Medical Examiner. You do not need the medical to start but we suggest you get it fairly early on. See here for [Medical FAQ](#)

The licence is a PPL 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

Don't worry it's not rocket science, but there is a multiple choice test on each of the following subjects:

1. Air law
2. Operational procedures
3. Aircraft general knowledge
4. Principles of flight
5. Navigation
6. Human performance and limitations
7. Meteorology
8. Performance and planning
9. Communications

Most of the theory is covered by self study, but we are always here to assist with the ground school side of things and the exams, which are done in house.

Flying

This is, lets face it the fun part. There are the minimum requirements. 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 hours required are 45 hours flight time, of which 25 hours must be dual instruction (including 10 hours of solo flight time).

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