



## Combined FAA & EASA Professional Pilot Program – Fact Sheet

This course will take you from no licence to having an FAA Commercial Pilots Licence and Instrument Rating (CPL+IR) and an EASA Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL). You would be able to work flying helicopters almost anywhere in the world.

### Pre-Entry Requirements

Minimum age for the licences is 18 years.

You must be able to read, write, speak and understand English.

You will need a class one medical from an EASA Aero Medical Examiner (AME) and a class two FAA medical from an FAA AME. We have a good AME locally that can do both. See here for

[Medical FAQ](#)

The program gets you an EASA CPL Helicopter issued by the UK CAA and a FAA CPL Helicopter issued by the American FAA. It also gains you an FAA IR which can easily be converted to an EASA IR. These licences allow you to fly throughout most of the world.

### Course Detail

This is an in depth course that covers both the American and European aviation systems to a professional pilot level. If you want the best chances of finding employment as a helicopter pilot globally then this is the course to take.

The course follows these basic steps:

- **FAA Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter):**
  - 60 hours flight training
  - One written exam
  - PPL flight test
- **FAA Instrument Rating (Helicopter):**
  - 40 hours flight training
  - One written exam
  - IR flight test
- **EASA Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter):**
  - 10 hours flight training
  - Two written exams
  - PPL flight test
- **Hour building:**
  - 40 hours flying (we can structure this flying for you)
- **Commercial Pilot Licence theory:**
  - Pass 13 EASA written exams
  - Pass 1 FAA written exam
- **FAA Commercial Pilot Licence (Helicopter):**
  - 15 hours flight training
  - CPL flight test
- **EASA Commercial Pilot Licence (Helicopter):**
  - 20 hours flight training
  - CPL flight test

At the end of the course you will have 185 hours helicopter flying with at least 40 hours of this having been on the R44.

### **Written Exams**

The pass mark is 75% for each EASA exam and 70% for each FAA 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 either with us, with the CAA at Gatwick or at Farnborough depending upon which exams you are taking.

### **Flight Tests**

All flight tests are conducted by either a CAA or FAA approved examiner. Most flight tests last about 1½ to 2 hours.

### **Options**

This course can optionally be taken without the FAA Instrument Rating. The same total number of flying hours must be reached so the total time of the course is not reduced, however the cost is reduced as much of the time spent on the IR in a Robinson R44 can be flown as hour building in an R22, thus reducing costs. There is also one less written exam and one less flight test.