GETTING STARTED:



A BEGINNER'S GUIDE FOR STUDENT PILOTS



STEP 1: SCHEDULE AN INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT

Call us at 208-267-4359

Talk to one of our Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs) and schedule an Intro Flight with them. This includes a half hour preflight session, followed by a half hour flight in a Cessna 172 aircraft where YOU get to take the controls and take off. You'll perform some basic flight maneuvers to get a feel for the aircraft, and your instructor will help you land safely and you will get to log that flight time towards your pilot license!

STEP 2: RECEIVE A PHYSICAL FROM A CERTIFIED FAA MEDICAL EXAMINER

Aviation Medical Examiners (AME) near Bonners Ferry:

Warren Keene - 208-640-6802 and Mark Manteuffel - 208-772-6647

A medical exam is required to fly, and you will need your medical exam before you solo. Depending on your age, the medical exam will expire in 2 or 5 years, after which you can participate in the new FAA BasicMed program.

STEP 3: ENROLL IN IACRA

Visit *iacra.faa.gov* and enroll by filling out the online form. Be sure to record the FAA Tracking Number (FTN) so that we can enroll you in our training program.

STEP 4: TAKE A GROUND SCHOOL COURSE

Option 1: Official Ground School at Northern Air. This takes place once a year, usually January through April on Tuesday nights. Occasionally we may hold a ground school in the fall based on the number of interested students. You can see the current status of Ground School on our website.

Option 2: Complete an online ground school course. Examples include, but are not limited to: King Schools, and Gleim Online courses.

Option 3: Individual time for ground instruction with your instructor, supplemented by studying on your own and flying as often as practical.

We can help you figure out what will work best for you. One or a mixture of these options will help you prepare to take your written knowledge exam.

STEPS 5: AERONAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

After ground school and when you are ready, take the written knowledge exam at our testing center. Schedule with the office manager at the front desk or call (208) 267-4359. The cost is \$165.00

STEP 6: TRAIN WITH A CFI TO PREPARE THE CHECK RIDE

Plan to fly at least twice a week for the best success, or fly as often as possible. You will practice maneuvers and complete lessons according to the syllabus for the course.

Your flight time will include dual time with your instructor, various takeoffs, landings, maneuvers, your first solo, day and night cross-country flights, etc. Practice the maneuvers you've learned and prepare for your practical exam with the FAA using the Practical Test Standards booklet. Review the information from the Aeronautical Knowledge Exam for the oral portion of the check ride.

FINALLY, SCHEDULE AND TAKE THE CHECK RIDE WITH THE FAA

When you're ready, your CFI will take help you schedule the final check ride. This consists of a comprehensive oral exam with the designated examiner followed by a practical exam. If you perform to the standards in the Airman Certification Standards book, you will pass and receive your Private Pilot Certificate.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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