



Thank you for your interest in flight training at Merimbula Air Services.

I hope this answers a few of your questions and leaves you with a clear picture of the path to become a pilot.

We have 2 instructors at Merimbula Air Services:

Alan Lindsay who holds an Air Transport Pilot Licence, instructor qualifications as well as numerous ancillary qualifications to benefit your flying experience:

- Instructor rating with a grade 1 training approval
- Recreational Aviation CFI
- Flight examiner approval
- Authorised theory exam supervisor
- English language assessment approval
- Master Science (Aviation) UNSW
- Mechanical Engineering Advanced Diploma

Having an instructor with these skills will greatly enhance your learning experience. Alan has all the required qualifications to take you from never having been at the controls of an aircraft, to becoming a highly competent licensed pilot.

Matthew Allen was taught to fly by Alan, who has had a continuous hand in his flying career. This ensures a stability and consistency in training. Both instructors work closely together, debriefing after lessons to ensure the best result for the student. Matthew holds a Commercial Pilot Licence and an Instructor rating with a Grade 2 training approval. The Grade 2 approval allows Matthew to send you solo once ready, to train you in all flight sequences, referring you to Alan for the final flight test.

No prior qualifications or skills are required to fly a plane. We teach you how to control the plane and some basic theory, and then have you flying on your first lesson! With dual controls we can help you or take over as required.

There are several different grades of pilot licence, each new level building upon the previous. You can stop wherever you like and enjoy the benefits of your new license, or continue with additional training to achieve the level you require. We do hire the aircraft to students once they have reached one of these milestones:

- **RPL- Recreational Pilot Licence.** The RPL allows you to hire the plane (or buy one) and fly 25 nautical miles (about 45kms) from the airport of origin and carry up to 5 passengers.
- **PPL- Private Pilot Licence.** This builds on the RPL with an addition of learning how to navigate cross country. The PPL provides you the additional privilege to travel anywhere in Australia. You can share costs of the flight, but not be paid for flying.
- **CPL- Commercial Pilot Licence.** Allows you to fly the aircraft you are endorsed on and earn an income.
- **ATPL- Air Transport Pilot Licence.** Highest level qualification allowing the holder to act as pilot-in-command on larger aircraft (eg. Airliners).

Certain aircraft have special design features such as a retractable undercarriage, and we can train and endorse you on those as well.

The path to become a pilot is relatively straight forward and does not require a particularly high degree of academic prowess. We offer a trial instructional flight so that you can see just how easy it is! Many purchase this as a gift voucher. If you continue with your training, this flight counts toward your total hours.

While there is a medical examination required before you fly solo, it has the same requirements as a truck driver medical, and is not overly limiting.

There are no minimum hours to keep the licence. It just requires a check every 2 years, with a qualified instructor. (We can also do this for you).

We train in 2 different aircraft:

We utilise the **Grumman Tiger**, a 4 seat aircraft that is fast, economical and fun to fly. Great for navigational trips as it will travel at 130kts and carry fuel for 5 hours of flight time.

Cost is \$350 per hour (dual) including your pre-flight briefing.

The **Piper Tomahawk** was designed as a 2 seat training aircraft. It will travel at 95kts and will carry fuel for 4 hours of flight time. Cost is \$330 per hour (dual) including your pre-flight briefing.

We pride ourselves on giving great value flight training and there are no hidden costs.

While some are a little nervous undertaking flight training, they soon discover that these basic aircraft are straight forward to control and easy to fly. Nonetheless, becoming a licensed pilot will provide you with an incredible sense of personal achievement.

Let us know if we can help you further or if you have more questions.

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