Departure Aviation Services
Flight School Cost Estimates in a Cessna 172

Private Pilot (PPL)	Per Hour	Low Estimate		Average Estimate	
		Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with CFI	$195	20	$3,900	50	$9,750
Solo Flight Time	$145	20	$2,900	10	$1,450
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$325
Renter's Insurance*			$125		$125
Medical			$200		$200
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3.2	$483	3.2	$483
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate			$10,858		$15,758

Instrument Add-on (IFR)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with CFI	$205	15	$3,075	20	$4,100
Cross Country Time Building	$155	45	3487.5	45	$6,975
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$375
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3	$465	3	$465
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate			$10,278		$15,340

Commercial (CAX)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with a CFI	$195	15	$2,925	20	$3,900
Time Building	$145	130	$9,425	130	$18,850
Solo Time	$145	11	$1,595	15	$2,175
HP/Complex Time	$240	10	$2,400	10	$2,400
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$375
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3	$435	3	$435
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate			$20,030		$31,560

Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with a CFI	$195	10	$1,950	15	$2,925
Ground Lessons	$50	40	$2,000	50	$2,500
Study Materials			$300		$300
Written Exam (x2 for CFI)			$350		$350
Checkride Flight		3.5	$507	3.5	$507
Examiner's Fee			$2,000		$2,000
Total Cost Estimate			$7,107		$8,582
Total Cost Estimate for all Ratings			**$48,273**		**$71,240**

*Price may vary due to your specific circumstance

Departure Aviation Services
Flight School Cost Estimates in a Piper Warrior

		Low Estimate		Average Estimate	
Private Pilot (PPL)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with CFI	$205	20	$4,100	50	$10,250
Solo Flight Time	$155	20	$3,100	10	$1,550
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$325
Renter's Insurance*			$125		$125
Medical			$200		$200
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3.2	$515	3.2	$515
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate		**$11,290**		**$16,390**	

Instrument Add-on (IFR)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with CFI	$205	15	$3,075	20	$4,100
Cross Country Time Building	$155	45	3487.5	45	$6,975
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$375
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3	$465	3	$465
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate		**$10,278**		**$15,340**	

Commercial (CAX)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with a CFI	$205	15	$3,075	20	$4,100
Time Building	$155	130	$10,075	130	$20,150
Solo Time	$155	11	$1,705	15	$2,325
HP/Complex Time	$240	10	$2,400	10	$2,400
Ground Lessons	$50	35	$1,750	45	$2,250
Study Materials			$325		$375
Written Exam			$175		$175
Checkride Flight		3	$465	3	$465
Examiner's Fee			$1,000		$1,000
Total Cost Estimate		**$20,970**		**$33,240**	

Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)	Per Hour	Minimum Hours	Estimated Price	Average Hours	Estimated Price
Flight time with a CFI	$205	10	$2,050	15	$3,075
Ground Lessons	$50	40	$2,000	50	$2,500
Study Materials			$300		$300
Written Exam (x2 for CFI)			$350		$350
Checkride Flight		3.5	$543	3.5	$543
Examiner's Fee			$2,000		$2,000
Total Cost Estimate		**$7,243**		**$8,768**	
Total Cost Estimate for all Ratings		**$49,781**		**$73,738**	

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