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Smartair has been teaching people to fly since 1968. In that time we have helped hundreds of people obtain their Private Pilot Licence or a Commercial Licence and go on to a career in aviation.

As a family owned and operated business we believe customer service is second only to safety, and working smarter is the key to success; yours and ours.

Smartair has bases in Albury and Bathurst, NSW.



What is Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL)?

In September 2014 Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has created a new class of pilot licence known as the Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL).

There are now 4 licence categories

- 1. Recreational Pilot Licence**
- 2. Private Pilot Licence**
- 3. Commercial Pilot Licence**
- 4. Air Transport Pilot Licence**

The RPL makes it easier for people interested in flying as a hobby to get a licence. It's also great if you want to manage your training in a staged manner.

How do I qualify?

You need to be 16 years of age to hold a licence but training can commence at 15.

To qualify for and use an RPL you will need:

- Medical certificate
- Obtain an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC)
- Undertake a general English language assessment
- Pass the RPL theory exam
- Complete the flying training and
- Pass the RPL flight test

What can I do with an RPL?

An RPL allows you to fly an aircraft under 1,500 kg, such as a Cessna C172, within 25 nautical miles of the departure airport within Australia. Provided you are current and have a class 2 aviation medical you will be able to carry passengers.

For example, you can fly whenever the weather is fine at your home airport or hire an aircraft while you are on holiday and conduct a scenic tour of the area.

Apart from range, other limitations relate to the size of aircraft you can fly and what ratings and endorsements you can add to your licence.





MEDICAL > A general aviation private pilot requires a Class 2 Medical, which, depending on your age, is valid for 4 years. Medicals are conducted by Designated Aviation Medical Examiners. There are 5 to choose from in Albury. You can also use a Recreational Aviation Medical Practitioner's Certificate which can be issued by your GP but you will be limited to carrying 1 passenger.

ASIC > An ASIC is an Australian Security Identification Card. These are required to fly at any controlled airfield, such as Albury. The English language assessment establishes that you are able to communicate verbally in English, the language of aviation. It is a simple oral test, conducted in-house.

THEORY > Theory is broken down into 3 phases:

1. Phase 1 – Pre solo
2. Phase 2 – Training Area Solo
3. Phase 3 - RPL

Timeframe

Both the theory and flying training are self-paced. However, we recommend that you fly at least once a week if possible. Flying is a physical skill and needs to be practiced regularly to ensure each lesson builds on what has been done before.

There will naturally be some days where you cannot fly due to weather or personal reasons and that's fine. However, extended time between flights can result in some revision being required.

Based on consistent weekly flights most people can expect to complete the course in 9-12 months.

Currency

To continue to use the privileges of your licence you need to keep it current and have a current medical.

A multiple choice exam is conducted at the end of each phase so you can monitor how your knowledge is progressing. Sample exams are available to help you prepare. We recommend the RPL Study Guide. Study is generally self-paced but classes are run from time to time depending on demand. Tuition is available on request.

Albury requires a controlled aerodrome endorsement and we include a Flight Radio Endorsement as standard.

BOOKS, CHARTS & OTHER PILOT STUFF > The RPL Study Guide will be your primary source of theory. In addition you will need:

- a Pilot Log Book
- Pilot Operating Handbook for the aircraft
- a Visual Terminal Chart (VTC) and
- a Flight Radio for Pilots handbook.

FLYING > Smartair's training syllabus includes 35 hours flight time which is a little more than the CASA minimum but, in our experience, it's a more realistic time to reach the required standard. The syllabus includes 7 hrs solo and a 1.5 hour flight test.

- A Class 2 Medical is current for 4 years.
- To keep your licence current you will need to complete a flight review every 2 years.
- To carry passengers you must have completed at least 3 take offs & landings in the last 90 days.

Cost

Budget on \$10,000 for 35 hours of flying and all course material. A Medical and ASIC are arranged and paid for separately by the student. Smartair has no control over these costs but an allowance is included in the budget figure. Remedial training and tuition would be additional should they be required.

[Please see our current rates sheet for up to date pricing information and payment options.]

All flying is conducted in our Piper Tomahawk (see below for specs). The Tomahawk is a purpose built training aircraft, designed to give the student clear feedback as well as being fun to fly.

Training is competency based, meaning students must meet a prescribed standard to progress through the course. Some remedial training may be required, at additional cost, to ensure we produce safe and competent aviators.



PIPER TOMAHAWK [Single Engine]
Seating: 1+1
Cruise speed: 95knots (175km/h)
Range: 760km (max fuel)
 500km (max passengers)

FLIGHT TEST > At the completion of your flying training there is a 1.5 hour flight test. This is conducted in house by Smartair's Chief Flying Instructor and is included in the 35 hour course.

Beyond RPL

A limited number of endorsement can be added to your RPL including navigation, retractable undercarriage and manual prop pitch control.

Beyond that, further study and training can lead to a Private or Commercial Licence and ATPL for the professional aviator.

The RPL is the perfect way to get started in a manageable first stage and all training counts hour for hour towards more advanced licences.

Get started today

Contact our office by phone or email and book your first lesson. It's as easy as that!

Training is conducted in daylight hours, Monday to Saturday.
[See back of brochure for our contact details.]



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