

A commercial pilot license entitles you to work as a helicopter pilot and perform revenue flights. With a CPL you may be employed by a helicopter operator and carry out assigned missions safely and efficiently.





Prerequisites (modular course)

- » private pilot license PPL(H) and medical class 1
- » 18 years of age
- » min. 155h at the beginning of training and no less than 185h (thereof 55h as pilot in command) by the time of skill test
- » CPL or ATPL (VFR or VFR/IF) theory
- » 5h of visual night flight rating NVFR (NIT), if integrated
- » 10h simulated instrument flight (half of it can be performed on a simulator)

Training course

To obtain the required 155h one does private charter flights with family and friends, or invests in advanced flight training courses such as a type rating or mountain certification.

It is recommended to complete the theoretical exams prior to the beginning of training. Those need to be done at the FOCA headquarters in Berne.

The practical flight training takes 30h, where the trainee builds on perfecting his flying skills and also performs 10h of cross-country flights. An emphasis is put on choosing the correct flight tactics and demonstrating superior airmanship. Different 'live-missions' are simulated and challenging landing areas are chosen to bring your flying skills to the next level.

The first approach to Zurich airport at night is most definitely a highlight.

Duration & costs

Practical flight training is completed in the course of 4-8 months. The inception should ideally be timed to start in fall or winter in order to have shorter daytimes to do the night flights.

Next to the costs of the practical training costs vary significantly if theoretical courses are done on a CPL or ATPL level. In an individual consultation meeting the specific training course is outlined and expected costs evaluated.

Why Valair in Balzers:

- Official Robinson dealership in Switzerland and Liechtenstein with a renowned maintenance facility
- » Modern helicopter fleet with best priceperformance ratio
- » Only effective flight time billed
- » 11 official mountain landing spots within 20min flight time
- » Various training areas within 5 minutes flight time
- Heliport always open including night flight possibilities
- Personal coaching by highly experienced flight instructors with a strong background in commercial flying
- » Long tradition in commercial operations (powerline control, measurement flights, aerial filming, taxi flights)
- Favorable weather all year round (no fog)



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