

Airfreddy's Guide on Learning To Fly

Step-by-Step Guide On the Private
Pilot License From Start To Finish



There are two different types of Flight Schools, Part 61 and Part 141. As far as the training goes they are pretty much the same. The difference is the Part 141 Schools have gotten their syllabuses approved by the FAA. If you go to a good structured part 61 school, the training program will be the same.

One thing you want to remember is that all pilot certification is done under Part 61 so the requirements as far as the aeronautical knowledge and the subject areas are the same. The minimum flight time is decreased in a Part 141 school but the cost of the course could be twice as much.

Part 61 Schools. Most of the schools you will find are part 61. I have listed them below.

1: Local FBO's: Your Local FBO (Fixed Base Operator) is what you will find at most airports. Even part 141 schools will have a part 61 side to their program.

2: Flying Clubs: If you join a local flying club, they will all fall under part 61.

3: Free Lance Flight Instructors: Free lance instructors fall under part 61. These are instructors that are independent and don't work for any FBO or Flight School. I am a Free Lance Flight Instructor.

4: Aircraft Ownership: If you own your own airplane and hire an independent instructor this will fall under part 61.

Part 141 Schools: These are in most cases the bigger flight schools but many of you local FBO's will have a Part 141 Program.

Part 141 schools will also have some of the bigger loan programs such as Sally Mae and others that the smaller flight schools won't have.

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