

HELPING YOUR CAREER TAKE OFF



Our mission:
To ensure you achieve
the highest standards
in aviation while
helping you accomplish
your personal and
professional aviation
goals.



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YOUR
DREAMS



Want a Career in Aviation? Choose the Right Flying School

There are few pursuits more exhilarating in life than flying. The idea of ‘slipping the surly bonds of earth’ and ‘topping windswept heights with ease and grace’ has captivated mankind for centuries.



Regardless of whether you choose aviation as a career or for just the sheer thrill of flying, your choice of flying school is vital for your success.

In terms of personal challenges, becoming a pilot has few equals. Learning to fly tests many aspects of human nature and spirit — your resilience as you come to grips with aerodynamics and principles of flight your attention to detail every time you pre-flight an aircraft and fulfil flight planning requirements. Your coordination, judgment and confidence will be challenged on every flight. But when you’ve finished, you’ll be a greater person for the experience.

You’ll take home more than a Diploma in Aviation when your training at Ardmore is complete. Apart from a profound sense of achievement, there will be many milestones to look back on for the rest of your life — your first landing, your first solo flight, your first cross country flight.

To find the best way to realise your dream of flying, talk to our experienced team who will guide you on the path towards aviation success.



Welcome to Ardmore Flying School

We've been training pilots at Ardmore Airport in Auckland, New Zealand since 1961. Since then, we have become recognised worldwide for delivering consistently-high standards in all aspects of flight training.

We are New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) approved and hold the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (NZ CAA) Part 141 approval for flight training. This allows us to provide a Diploma in Aviation and licensing at all levels.

Our fully-integrated flight-training programmes transform students into strong, decisive and skilled pilots capable of operating at the highest levels in the ever-changing commercial and corporate sectors.

Why Learn to Fly in New Zealand?

New Zealand-trained pilots are highly sought after by airlines worldwide. This is because of the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority's (NZ CAA) framework for excellent training and safety standards, which deliver better-prepared pilots — pilots more equipped to safely handle adverse situations.

Flying in New Zealand is also a lot of fun — you can't beat the diverse scenery. You'll fly over majestic mountains,

sweeping plains, imposing forests, stunning lakes and miles of coastline, and gain a dimension to your training unobtainable anywhere else.

Training Facilities

We specialise in tailored flight-training programmes to suit our students' individual requirements. We are open from 7am, seven days a week, 364 days a year. The only day we are closed is Christmas Day.

For a comfortable year-long learning environment, new students generally complete their ground course theory in one of our four, air-conditioned lecture rooms.

Each theory subject is delivered by an experienced instructor, supported by an assistant. This creates a supportive environment of mentoring and tuition, both in and out of class.

Ardmore Flying School utilises the latest interactive learning methods to ensure your learning is as easy and efficient as

possible. Computer based training allows students to revisit core concepts both during class and for extramural study.

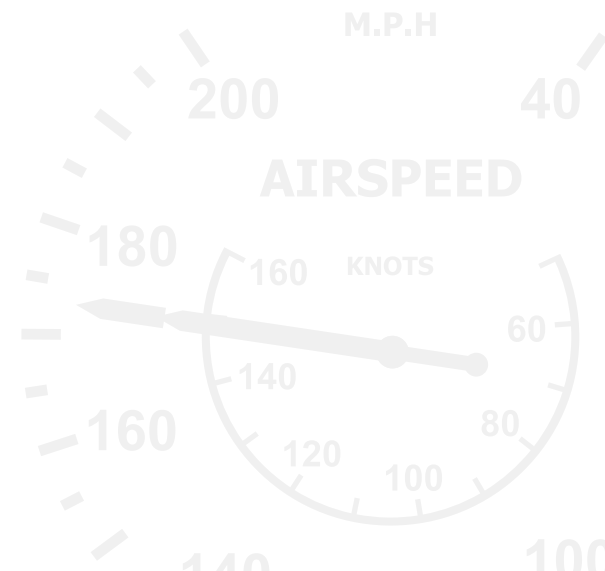
Class sizes are controlled to ensure the very best learning environment. Class numbers vary depending on the course.

Once you have completed ground course theory, it's time for practical training. And to achieve the best training outcomes, you will work with your instructor to develop a flight-training schedule.

Our modern fleet currently boasts 17, single-engine Cessna 172s and 3 multi-engine Beechcraft Duchess Be76s. As one of NZ's largest flight training organisations, we have the capacity to efficiently deliver training to your personal requirements.

Towards the end of training, you will use both single and multi-engine simulators. Ardmore Flying School has a Garmin G1000 single engine simulator, a Multi-Engine simulator and a Kingair Turboprop simulator for advanced high performance training. These simulators

provide a controlled environment to learn in all weather conditions and can be manipulated to ensure your training is of the highest quality, best preparing you to embark on your aviation career adventure.



Our Aircraft

Cessna 172R

Measured by its longevity and popularity, the Cessna 172 is the most successful mass-produced light aircraft in history. At Ardmore Flying School, we have 17 Cessna aircraft in our fleet. Our 172Rs are equipped with either analogue fixtures or the latest Garmin 1000 Glass Cockpits. This gives you the opportunity to build your knowledge and skill flying various aircraft.



Powerplant	1 x 160 HP engine with a fixed-pitch propeller
Cruise speed	115 knots (195 km/h)
Endurance	5 hours with 40 minutes reserve

Beechcraft Duchess Model 76

The Beechcraft Duchess Model 76 is one of the most outstanding twin trainers ever built. It is economical and handles and performs beautifully. With top-class conventional instruments and industry-standard GPS, this model is the preferred Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) training platform.



Powerplant	2 x 180 HP engine with a constant-speed propeller
Cruise speed	157 knots (291 km/h)
Range	932 nautical miles (1726 km)
Service ceiling	19,400 ft. (4877 m)
Endurance	5 hours

EARN
YOUR
WINGS



Becoming a Commercial Pilot

An Overview of the Diploma in Aviation

We are approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to offer the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (DipAv). Please note that a Private Pilot Licence is a prerequisite for the Diploma in Aviation.

Commercial Pilot Licence

Theory

- Law
- Human factors
- Navigation and flight planning
- Meteorology
- Aircraft technical knowledge
- Principles of flight and navigational aids

Practical

Minimum 200 hours of flying, including:

- 100 hours of dual instruction
- 100 hours of solo instruction

Instrument Rating

Theory

- Law
- Navigation and flight planning
- Instruments and navigational aids

Practical

Minimum 200 hours of flying, including:

- Minimum 20 hours of simulator training
- Minimum 20 hours of instrument flight training

C-CAT Instructor Rating

Theory

- Meteorology
- Flight navigation
- Air law
- Principles of flight
- Briefing techniques

Practical

- Minimum 25 hours of dual-flight instructor training

Basic gas turbine knowledge and Multi-Crew Resource Management Training (MCC)

Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

Theory

- Aircraft law
- Navigation and flight planning
- General flight planning
- Meteorology
- Aircraft aerodynamics and systems
- Human factors
- Instruments and navigational aids

Diploma in Aviation (Flight instructions)

Diploma in Aviation (Airline preparation)

CORE UNITS

ELECTIVE STREAM



Private Pilot Licence (PPL)

The Private Pilot Licence (PPL) is the first step towards learning to fly. It's available to students who complete a Diploma in Aviation or those wishing to fly recreationally.

Our PPL training programmes are of the highest standard available, designed to well exceed minimum standards. We are dedicated to providing first-class training and tuition, tailored to your individual needs. As a full-time student, you can achieve an unrestricted PPL within 16 to 20 weeks, subject to weather and your ability. We'll teach you all the practical and theoretical skills required to ensure you are well equipped to confidently handle all situations. If you progress to a professional level, you will discover that you have reached a standard that makes future training much easier. And once you've earned your PPL, you can fly passengers anywhere in New Zealand, although you can't be employed. So, in a minimum of 50 hours' flight time, we'll take you from no flight experience to being a proficient private pilot.

Eligibility

- 17 years or older to gain your licence and to fly passengers (16 to fly solo)
- Class-2 medical (minimum)

Course length

- Full time — 20 weeks minimum
- Part time — time frame determined by individual

Flight time

- 50 hours legal minimum. We recommend 65-70 hours to meet CAA's syllabus

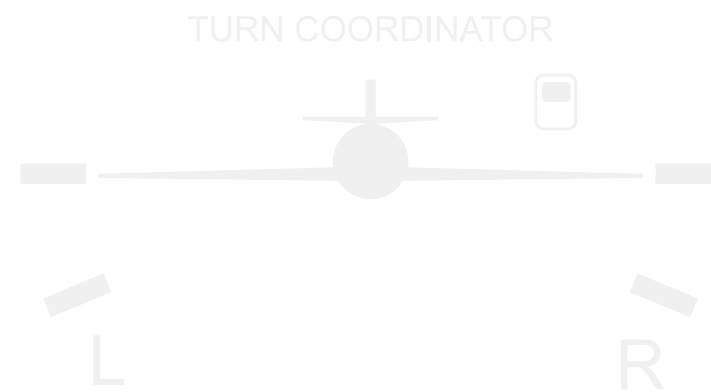
Theory

You must pass all exams to obtain a Private Pilot Licence.

- Air Law — CAA rules and regulations
- Navigation
- Aircraft Technical Knowledge
- Flight Radiotelephony
- Human Factors
- Meteorology
- English Proficiency Test

Practical

- Preparation for Flight
- Starting and Run-up Procedures
- Taxiing
- Take-off, Circuit and Landing
- Aircraft Manoeuvres
- Cross-country Flying
- Emergency Procedures
- First Solo



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Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

Once you have obtained your Private Pilot Licence (PPL), you can work towards your Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) – and take another step towards a lucrative commercial flying career.

The theoretical training for a CPL covers many of the same subject areas as the PPL, but in greater depth. The practical component of CPL training will prepare you for your commercial flying career. With advanced aircraft handling and a clear focus on exceeding minimum standards, your higher levels of situational awareness will ensure each of your missions are accomplished with maximum safety and efficiency. Learning to fly at a professional level requires careful planning and coordination. Today, the emphasis is very much on seamless training. In other words, airlines want prospective employees to have completed a training programme with continuity and a depth and breadth of experiences required for an airline position. The PIC (pilot in command) requirement for a Commercial Pilot Licence is 100 hours of solo flying. A further 100 hours of dual flight with an instructor is also required.

This covers components such as:

- 10 hours of night flying
- 30 hours of cross-country flying
- 10 hours of instrument flight time
- CPL Handling Exercises

Eligibility

- 18 years or older to gain your licence
- Class-1 medical
- NCEA Level 3 (English) or 3 years' work experience or a minimum score of 6 IELTS or equivalent

Course length

- A minimum of 45 weeks

Flight time

- Minimum 30 hours dual (both single engine and multi engine) and minimum 15 hours simulator training.

Theory

You must pass all exams to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence.

- Air law
- Navigation
- Aircraft technical knowledge
- Human factors
- Meteorology
- Principles of flight

Practical

- Advanced Cross-country Flying
- Advanced Aircraft Handling

EXPAND
YOUR
HORIZON



Instrument Rating (IR)

During Private Pilot Licence (PPL) and Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) training, you will learn to fly using visual references. However, the ability to fly by instruments alone is mandatory for all airline, charter, and corporate pilots throughout the world.

Instrument Rating (IR)

An instrument rating (IR) is required if you want to fly an aircraft by instruments alone. An IR can be completed on a PPL or CPL licence. Our programme is designed to provide a maximum number of multi-engine hours (approx. 27 hours) during training with options for single-engine and multi-engine instrument ratings available.

Eligibility

- Private Pilot Licence (minimum)
- Class-2 medical + Class-1 hearing
- 50 hours of cross-country pilot in command
- 10 hours of instrument time
- NCEA Level 2 (English) or 3 years' work experience or a minimum score of 6 IELTS or equivalent

Course length

- A minimum of 12 weeks

Flight time

- Minimum 30 hours dual (both single engine and multi engine) and minimum 15 hours simulator training.

Theory

You must pass all exams to obtain a single or multi-engine Instrument Rating.

- Navigation
- Law
- Instruments and navigational aids

Practical

Our IFR course introduces students to the world of simulation coupled with practical hands on flying in the IFR environment with training aids designed to help you concentrate on the instrument panel only. Instrument flight training will teach you how to fly in adverse weather conditions, in low visibility and at night.





Instructor Rating (C-Cat)

Gaining a C-Category (C-Cat) instructor rating is the most popular path to a career as an airline pilot. It is the best way to accumulate hours and gain flying experience. It also bridges the gap between students achieving their Commercial Pilot Licence and becoming an airline pilot.

Instructor Rating (C-Cat)

This course is designed to develop your desire to train and provide instruction by applying training methods that fully integrate safety awareness, critical thinking, sound judgment and threat and error management.

Eligibility

- Class-1 medical
- Commercial Pilot Licence
- Completed 150 hours of pilot in command
- You are required to attend a test and panel interview to assess your suitability prior to acceptance onto this course.

Course length

- A minimum of 12 weeks

Flight time

- 25 hours of dual-flight instructor training
- 1 hour of spin-recovery training

Practical

- Practical and theory on flight instruction
- Principles of flight and performance
- Meteorology
- Cross-country navigational techniques
- Emergency flight manoeuvres
- Instructional Techniques Course

A photograph of two male pilots in a cockpit. They are both wearing white short-sleeved shirts and blue striped ties. The pilot on the left is wearing a Bose headset and is looking forward. The pilot on the right is also wearing a headset and is looking towards the camera. The cockpit has a light beige interior with various instruments and controls visible. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the right side of the image, containing the text "TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE".

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Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL)

An Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) is the highest licence you can obtain. With it you can captain a multi-crew aircraft (provided you hold a type rating for that particular aircraft).

Due to the high level of experience required (1500 hours), graduates usually gain the additional hours for this licence as part of their normal duties as an instructor or a co-pilot for an airline. In the meantime, students will be awarded a frozen ATPL when they have completed the seven subjects. The theoretical component can be completed any time; however, exam credits expire after a certain time period if the practical flight test hasn't been completed. Talk to us about the best timing for sitting these exams. Holding passes in these subjects will greatly enhance your employment prospects.

Eligibility

- Class-1 medical
- NCEA Level 2 (English) or 3 years' work experience or a minimum score of 6 IELTS or equivalent

Course length

- A minimum of 14 weeks

Flight time

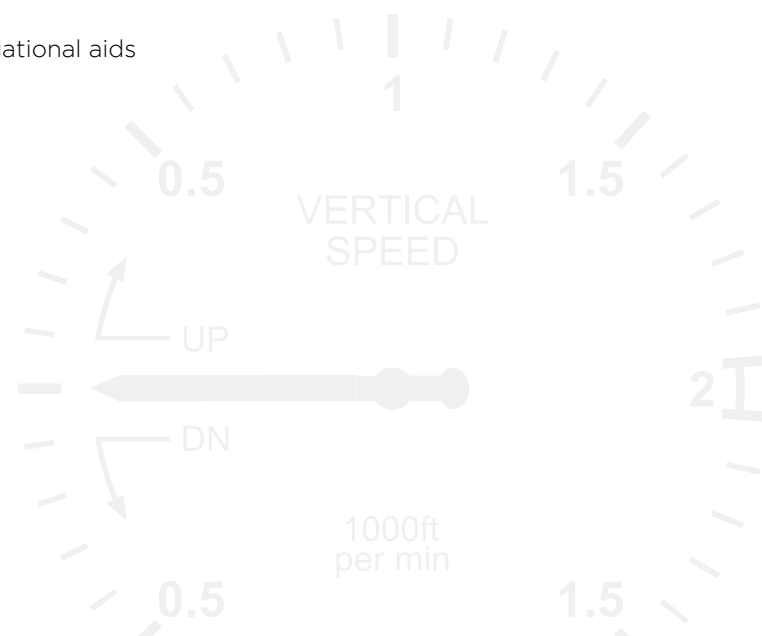
- A minimum of 1500 hours' flight experience

Theory

- Aircraft law
- Flight navigation
- General flight planning
- Meteorology
- Aircraft aerodynamics and systems
- Human factors
- Instruments and navigational aids

Practical

Students are required to build their flying hours until they reach a minimum of 1500 hours' logged flight experience.





REACH
FOR
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SKY

Basic Gas Turbine Rating

All pilots who fly jet and turbo-propelled aircraft must pass an exam in basic gas turbine knowledge.

This exam credit is required before you can operate a turbine-powered (jet or turbo-propelled) aircraft. The Basic Gas Turbine Rating (BGT) requires the following:

- A 1-week theory course
- An external examination

Eligibility

- Class-1 medical
- NCEA Level 3 (English) or 3 years' work experience or a minimum score of 6 IELTS or equivalent

Course length

- A minimum of 1 week

Theory

Students who undertake this rating will learn:

- The workings of a basic gas turbine engine
- The history and development of the basic gas turbine engine
- The applications in jet and turbo-propelled aircraft



Multi Crew Resource Management

The Multi Crew Resource Management course provides students who have IFR Rating with a detailed introduction to the many demands of a multi-crew cockpit and the systems and operation of modern turbo-prop and jet aircraft.

For low-hour pilots or those with no commercial multi-crew experience this course provides excellent preparation for entry into Airline entrant pilot roles.

Eligibility

Must have completed MEIR and all ATPL subjects.

Course Length

- 4 weeks

Syllabus

Human Factors

- Multi-crew roles
- Monitoring
- Situational awareness
- Workload management and automation
- Threat and error management
- Problem solving and decision making
- Teamwork

The Role of an Airline Pilot

- Interpersonal skills
- Professionalism
- Personal integrity

- Physical integrity (health)
- Dealing with commercial pressures

Use of Operational Documents

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Quick Reference Handbook (QRH)
- Despatch Deviation Guide, Minimum Equipment List (DDG/MEL)
- Route Guide
- Normal and non-normal checklists
- Performance calculations

Advanced Aircraft Systems

- Electronic Flight Instrument Systems (EFIS)
- Flight Management Computer (FMC) and autopilot
- Pressurisation systems
- Traffic Collision and Avoidance System (TCAS)
- Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS)

- Weather radar
- Anti-ice systems
- Stall warning systems

Safety Management Systems

- Operational Occurrence Reporting (OOR)
- Just culture

Managing Threats to Safe Flight

- Severe environment
- System failures

Primary Flight Management (all phases of flight)

36 hours FBS per crew (18 hours pilot flying, 18 hours pilot monitoring) in fixed based high performance simulators (KingAir & B737NG).



Starting Your Aviation Adventure

Domestic Students Self-funded placement

Entry Requirements

Self Funded Placement

- Complete NCEA Level 3 English (Physics and Mathematics are preferred but not essential)

If you want to apply for a self-funded placement, please contact our enrolments team at info@ardmore.co.nz for an application form.

Enrolment Information - Self funded placements

Step 1 Enquiry

Contact info@ardmore.co.nz to obtain an enrolment pack.

Step 2 Apply

Collect the supporting documentation listed below:

- Recent school results
- CV/resume
- Copy of your passport

Step 3 Confirmation of enrolment

As part of confirming your placement on the course, you will be required to sign a training agreement and pay a deposit to open your account. Once payment is received, you will be allocated to an instructor who will initiate your training programme.

Domestic Students

Student-Loan placement

Entry Requirements

Student Loan Placement

- Complete NCEA Level 3 English (Physics and Mathematics are preferred but not essential)
- Complete the ADAPT pre-screening tool (all prospective students applying for a Diploma in Aviation must undertake the ADAPT Pre-Screening tool found on the NZ Skills Connect website).

All prospective students applying for a student-loan placement must then sit a formal interview. To book, please contact our enrolments team at info@ardmore.co.nz.

Prospective students must bring the following to the interview:

- A copy of ADAPT test results
- Passport
- Last school results
- CV/resume

At the conclusion of the interview, your application will be presented to Ardmore Flying School's selection panel for review.

Please note: From 2012 aviation courses are not fully funded by the student loan scheme. Loans funded students are now required to self fund some of their training. For more information, please speak with our Manager - Student Services or Enrollments team on 0800 ARDMORE.

Student Funding

StudyLink processes student loans and allowances on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development. If you have been offered a student-loan placement by Ardmore Flying School, please contact StudyLink for information on how to apply at www.studylink.govt.nz.

Enrolment Information - Student loan placements

Step 1 Enquiry

Contact us at info@ardmore.co.nz to arrange a formal interview. Complete the ADAPT pre-screening tool on the NZ Skills Connect website.

Step 2 Apply

Bring the following to the formal interview:

- Recent school results
- ADAPT pre-screening tool results
- CV/resume
- Passport

Step 3 Confirmation of enrolment

Once you have been offered a student-loan placement, a letter will be sent to you outlining how to confirm your placement on the course and the course materials you will require. You will also be required to sign a formal training agreement. On receipt of your training agreement, you are able to make an application to Studylink for funding. Our student services team will guide you through this process.

International Students

Entry Requirements

International students must meet certain requirements to be able to complete their pilot training at Ardmore Flying School.

- **Age** — you must be 18 years old.
- **English** — English is the international language for aviation and all classes are taught in English. You must meet an IELTS score of 6 or a TOEFL score of 550 to enrol in this course.
- **Immigration** — you must hold a student visa to study in New Zealand. Please refer to our website www.ardmore.co.nz for more information.
- **Medicals** — you must obtain a NZCAA Class-1 medical prior to commencement of the course. Please refer to our website for more information.
- **School Requirements** — you must meet the equivalent of a New Zealand NCEA Level 2. Please refer to our

International School Achievements — NZ NCEA Level 2 equivalent document on our website www.ardmore.co.nz International Students > Enrolment Criteria.

Application Process

Step 1 Enquiry

Contact us at info@ardmore.co.nz to receive an international enrolment package.

Step 2 Apply

Complete the International Enrolment Application form and the training agreement and attach the following supporting documentation:

- Evidence of English Language Level 6 through IELTS at www.ielts.org
- Evidence of your high school results
- A copy of your passport

Email your application and supporting documentation to our enrolments team. Pay the deposit as outlined on Page 2 of the International Enrolment Application form.

Step 3 Confirmation of enrolment

Once we have received both the paperwork and payment, we will send you the letter of placement. This letter is to be used to apply for your student visa at your nearest New Zealand embassy. Visit: www.nzembassy.com.

When you have arranged your travel to New Zealand, please inform our enrolments team so that your accommodation and airport transfers can be arranged.

We advise you to obtain your NZ CAA Class-1 medical before beginning this course. For more information, visit the CAA website or our enrolments team.

International Students: What You Need to Know

Immigration

You require a student visa from Immigration New Zealand to study in New Zealand. Our enrolments team is well versed in student visa and immigration requirements for international students and can assist you with your application.

All applications must be made through your local New Zealand embassy (www.nzembassy.com). The visa process usually takes six to eight weeks, so please allow enough time for this to be processed.

Medical and Travel Insurance

Under the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, it is compulsory to have medical and travel insurance. International students are not entitled to publicly-funded health services while in New Zealand; so, if you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment.

Full details of entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on their website at: www.moh.govt.nz

Accident Insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand. However, you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on ACC's website at: www.acc.co.nz

Work While You Study

At the time of publication, full-time international students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the Christmas and New Year holiday period at the end of each academic year.





Moving to Auckland — Accommodation

Relocating to New Zealand will be an exciting experience — especially when figuring out where to live. As an international student of Ardmore Flying School, we can arrange your accommodation before you arrive. Our accommodation will become your “home away from home” providing everything you need to succeed. We offer a wide range of accommodation styles with extras to suit all budgets and needs. Just notify us of your travel arrangements and what you are looking for during the enrolment process.

Auckland – A City of Many Dimensions

The creation of Auckland’s unique landscape is part of an ancient love story. So the legend goes, a battle between two iwi (tribes) created deep cracks in the earth, thrusting upwards the many volcanic cones scattered across the region today. The fertile soils left from this battle, combined with the abundant resources of the Waitemata and Manukau harbours, have drawn people to this region for centuries. From the first

Maori waka (canoes) and colonial ships, Auckland has attracted people of many cultures from far and wide.

Today, Auckland is the world’s largest Polynesian city and one of the great cities of the Pacific. Aucklanders come from all corners of the world – around 56% of its residents are of European descent, 11% are Maori, 13% are of Pacific Island descent and there is a growing Asian population of around 12%.

One of the things that makes Auckland so special is our vibrant melting pot of cultures. And with this diversity reflected in our cuisine, festivals, art and music, your experience here becomes all the more exciting.

When it comes to outdoor activities, Auckland simply can’t be beaten. With its stunning beaches, beautiful regional parks and hundreds of walking trails, the whole region is a nature lover’s paradise. Get outdoors and discover magnificent scenery, untouched forest and native wildlife.

See Auckland’s stunning views from the

unique volcanic landscape. Take a ferry to Rangitoto Island, kayak out to an island in the Hauraki Gulf or head out to Auckland’s west coast to visit black sand beaches.

Tourist attractions around the city make for a great day out in Auckland. Visit the Sky Tower, the tallest building in the southern hemisphere. See the city of sails from an America’s Cup Yacht or if you’re a thrill seeker, take a bungee jump off the Harbor Bridge. Whatever you’re into, Auckland delivers it all.

Auckland also offers an abundance of cosmopolitan activities, with a vibrant restaurant, cafe and nightlife scene as well as shows, concerts and major sporting events.



Getting to Auckland

Auckland Airport has been voted as one of the 10 best airports in the world for the past three years. More than 20 international airlines serve Auckland Airport, Australasia’s second busiest international airport.

Climate

The Auckland region enjoys a warm, coastal climate without extreme temperatures. Summers are generally warm with high humidity, while winters are mild and damp. Plenty of rain is experienced throughout the year, but mainly in winter (June – August).

The average daily temperature in Auckland during the summer is 23°C (74°F), while winter temperatures are on average 14°C (57°F). Auckland is one of New Zealand sunniest regions with 2060 annual sunshine hours. The region is also very lush, with a mean annual rainfall of 1240mm.



More Information

Employment Opportunities

Better prospects for aeroplane pilots in the longer term

Aviation industry leader Boeing predicts that airlines around the world will need an additional 535,000 trained pilots over the next 20 years. This is due to fewer new pilot entrants, large numbers of retirements and increasing fleet sizes.

Ardmore Flying School also works closely with industry, both internationally and in New Zealand to develop employment pathways for its graduates.

Ardmore Flying School takes pride in employing ONLY instructors from its graduate body. Our instructor courses are recognised as one of the most intensive and successful courses available in NZ.

Private Pilot Licence (PPL)

Aeroplane or Helicopter

With a PPL you can:

- Fly for recreation
- Take non-fare-paying passengers
- Learn to fly different types of aircraft

Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

Aeroplane or Helicopter

With a CPL you can fly under visual flight rules and become:

- A flying Instructor
- A scenic or charter pilot
- An agricultural pilot

Ratings for Instrument Flying and Turbine Powered Aircraft

Aeroplane or Helicopter

With these you can become:

- A rescue or air ambulance pilot
- An instrument rating Instructor
- A charter, scheduled or freight pilot

Airline First Officer

Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) Airline Captain

Get a Taste for Flying

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will always long to return."
— Leonardo Da Vinci.

For only \$99, take control of a Cessna 172 and fly the skies around Ardmore! In the safe hands of a qualified instructor, they will get you up in the air and teach you how to handle the plane before bringing you down to Earth — it's also great to see Auckland from a different perspective, too. Call 0800 Ardmore to book your next flight.



Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence?

To obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL), you must first complete your Private Pilot Licence (PPL). This may take up to 20 weeks (including a four-week ground course) dependent on the weather and your ability. Once you have completed this licence, then you can work towards completing your CPL. This may take up to 46 weeks (including an 11-week ground course) dependent on the weather and your ability. In total, your CPL should take you approximately 65 weeks to complete. If you wish to move into the airlines, you will require further training.

How old must I be to start flying?

Students must be 16 years old to fly solo and 17 years old to obtain a Private Pilot Licence. If you are younger than 16, you can begin flight training with an instructor once a month or during school holidays until you are old enough to fly solo and complete the remainder of your licence.

How much will it cost?

Cost is highly dependent on the number of flying hours completed by the student. Contact our enrolments team to find out the cost structure outlined for each licence.

How can I get some information about the courses?

Send an email through our Contact Us page on our website to receive a New Zealand Student or International Student Information Pack. www.ardmore.co.nz

What if I can't commit to full-time study?

Online courses are now available through the Ardmore Theory Centre delivering PPL, CPL, IFR and ATPL subjects. Study in your own time and pace, with support from our tutors should you need it. Contact our enrolments team for more information.

I wear glasses, will this be a problem?

You will need to meet minimum medical standards, but in most cases wearing glasses won't be a problem. In fact, many airline pilots wear glasses. You can wear glasses or contact lenses so long as your vision is corrected to 20/30 or better; you must also be able to see red and green. To obtain a NZ CAA Class 1 or 2 medical, you must visit an approved aviation medical examiner. They are listed on the CAA website at www.caa.govt.nz.

For any health issues, we recommend you consult an aviation medical examiner.

How often do I have to fly to keep my licence current?

To keep your licence active, you must perform three take-offs/landings every 90 days. Then you will need to undergo a flight review every two years.

Does your school do licence renewals?

Yes we do. Contact Ardmore Flying School and talk to an experienced instructor about your licence renewal and how to best prepare for your biennial flight review.

Is a New Zealand CPL recognised overseas?

The New Zealand CPL is well recognised worldwide and New Zealand pilots are in popular demand by many airlines. The licence meets the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards. In many cases a licence conversion will simply require passing the local flight rules examination, completing a flight test and obtaining a local medical for the type of licence you hold.

Does your school do licence conversions for overseas licences?

Yes we do. Licences from different countries have different requirements for conversion to a NZ CAA licence. Check the CAA website at www.caa.govt.nz for the conversion requirements. If you need a hand understanding how to go about the conversion, please contact us through our website and we'll help you through it www.ardmore.co.nz

Glossary

PPL: Private Pilot Licence (entitles the holder to fly with passengers but not for hire or reward)

CPL: Commercial Pilot Licence (entitles the holder to fly with passengers for hire or reward if employed by a suitably certificated air operator)

ATPL: Airline Transport Pilot Licence (entitles the holder to act as captain on an aircraft that requires two pilots)

IR: Instrument Rating (entitles the holder to fly without visual references, navigating solely by reference to radio navigational aids. This is how airline pilots fly)

IFR: Instrument Flight Rules (rules governing flights undertaken on instruments)

ASL: Aviation Services Limited (the body that administers all external examinations and flight tests for the CAA)

Type Rating: An authorisation associated with a pilot's licence allowing operations on individual types of aircraft

CAA: New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (the aviation industry's regulatory body)

VFR: Visual Flight Rules (Rules governing flights undertaken visually)

NZQA: New Zealand Qualifications Authority

MEIR: Multi-Engine Instrument Rating

FAA: Federal Aviation Authority (USA equivalent of CAA)

Solo: Solo flight — you will be the only person in the aircraft

HSI: Horizontal Situation Indicator (an instrument used to fly IFR)

SEIR: Single Engine Instrument Rating





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