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Professional Pilot Course

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Taking you from zero flying experience

to a commercial helicopter pilot

About Us

Phoenix Helicopter Academy is a helicopter school based at both Blackbushe Airport (Surrey) and Goodwood Aerodrome (West Sussex). The school has built a reputation for being a top quality training provider, training students at both a Private and Commercial level. The company is predominantly a training organisation and as a result our ethics are based on putting the student first, giving each student all the tools they require to achieve their dream career. We pride ourselves on our transparent approach to training, all our packages are clearly priced and structured to be flexible around your individual needs. Our courses are tailored to be fully comprehensive, all-inclusive and great value. You will struggle to find a more competitively priced course that takes you from zero experience to commercially qualified.

Careers

There really has never been a better time to become a helicopter pilot. The industry is growing in all areas. In the UK the ever growing off-shore oil & gas projects are creating huge demand for helicopter pilots. The demand is great news all round as it frees up jobs in all areas of the industry as many on-shore pilots move to new off-shore roles.

It's not just the oil and gas industry that is expanding, the air ambulance is starting to operate 24 hours a day in many locations. This will lead to almost double the amount of pilots required to run the proposed 24 hour operations.

Pictured above is the London Air Ambulance, one of the many challenging and diverse roles within the UK rotary industry.

Other promising news in the industry is the economic rise of the Far East with an almost brand new eastern market emerging. This is creating lots of rotary jobs, which will increase the demand for pilots worldwide even further. The EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) licence you will achieve is arguably the best licence to acquire and is recognised internationally.

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The Professional Course

To achieve the commercial pilots licence Phoenix recommend our Professional Pilots Course. The course is really a combination of courses that you will need to complete to achieve the final goal of becoming a professional helicopter pilot. The advantages of conducting the complete professional course are both its dedicated structure and the discounted package price.

The professional course offers students a structured training program, providing direction and goals at each stage. The course includes a total of 190 flying hours, allowing us to price the course at the lowest possible "bulk rate". However we understand that paying for the whole course in one go is difficult so we have broken the course into four stages of payment.

Product	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Total	Total Inc VAT
PPL Flight Training	45	£270	£12,150	£14,580
Landing Fees	46	£20	£920	£1104
PPL Theory Study Pack	1	£399*	£399*	£399* (VAT FREE)
PPL Ground School	9	£81	£729	£874.80
PPL Theory Exam	9	FREE	FREE	FREE
RT Licence	1	£200	£200	£240
PPL Skills Test Flight	1.7	£215	£365.50	£438.60
PPL Skills Test Examiner fee	1	£305	£305	£366
Total			£15,068.50	£18,002.24

Stage One payment - £18,002.24 inc VAT

* Study Pack is sourced via outside providers and may be subject to increase. Elements of the pack are VAT free.

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Product	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Total	Total Inc VAT
ATPL Theory Course	1	£1,944.90*	£1,944.90*	£2,140* (Non Standard VAT Rate)
R44 Type Rating Dual Rate	5	£490	£2450	£2940
Pro Course R44 Landing Fees	6	£24	£144	£172.80
R44 Hand Book	1	£12.99	£12.99	£12.99 (VAT FREE)
Type Rating Examiner Fee	1	£195	£195	£234
R44 Type Rating Test	0.7	£440	£308	£369.60
R44 Type Rating Total	1	£3,109.99	£3,109.99	£3,731.99
Bulk R22 Hour Buiding	40	£215	£8,600	£10,320
Landing Fees	40	£20	£800	£960
Total			£14,454.89	£17,151.99

* ATPL Theory course is sourced via outside providers and may be subject to increase.

Stage Two payment - £17,151.99 inc VAT

Product	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Total	Total Inc VAT
R22 Hour Buiding	55	£215	£11,825	£14,190
Landing Fees	55	£20	£1100	£1320
Total			£12,925	£15,510

Stage Three payment - £15,510 inc VAT

ATPL/CPL Theory Exam Fees not included in price, exam fee paid directly to the CAA £70 per exam

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Stage Four

Commercial Practical Course + Night Flying

Final Payment Includes R44 Type Rating Refund

Product	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Total	Total Inc VAT
Pre Course Brush Up Flying	7.6	£270	£2,052	£2,462.40
Landing Fees	8	£20	£160	£192
CPL Practical Course	30	£285	£8,550	£10,260
Landing Fees	25	£20	£500	£600
CPL Night Flying	5	£300	£1,500	£1,800
Night Landing Fees**	5	£35	£175	£210
CPL Skills Test Flight	1.7	£215	£365.50	£438.60
Landing Fee	1	£20	£20	£24
CAA Examiner Fee	1	£800*	£800*	£800* (VAT FREE)
Total			£14,122.50	£16,787
R44 Type Rating Credit	1	-£3,109.99	-£3109.99	-£3,731.99
Totals			£11,012.51	£13,055.01

* CAA exam fee may be subject to increase and is VAT FREE ** Night Landing Fees subject to airfield used.

Stage Four payment - £13,055.01 inc VAT

Additional courses FREE during the Professional Pilots Course	
Helicopter CRM Course	FREE
Aviation Fire Course	FREE
First Aid Course	FREE

Professional Course Totals

Total exc VAT	Total inc VAT	Course Total Saving
£53,460.90	£63,719.40	£6,238.79

Total saving based on the free R44 type rating included in the professional course, all dual training & self fly hire aircraft usage compared to standard pay as you fly pricing plus the discounted landing fees when compared to standard pricing.

+ £350 worth of free additional courses

Aviation Theory

PPL Stage

During the private pilot's licence you will need to complete nine exams to prove your theoretical knowledge. The PPL exams are straight forward but at this stage you will most likely have little aviation experience. For this reason some students can struggle when studying for the exams by themselves. At Phoenix we do offer in-house "Ground School" before each exam to insure you have the required knowledge to pass the exam. The ground school courses will include a morning lesson covering the subject content, practice exams followed by the exam sitting itself. You will need to have completed all nine exams before obtaining the PPL licence.

CPL/ ATPL Exams

Once the PPL is completed you will move onto your hour building section of the course, during this section you will begin to study for the CPL/ ATPL theory exams. The CPL/ ATPL exams are similar in content to the PPL exams but are considerably more in-depth and must be completed at official CAA test sites such as Gatwick.

Anyone wishing to complete these exams must sign up to a distance learning provider to receive the required learning material and brush-up course. Phoenix recommend you choose Bristol GS as your distance learning provider as we believe they are the best provider. Once signed up to Bristol GS they will send you all the required training material such as books, online software and mobile applications.

The price of the course is shown in stage two and has been factored into the course costing. For more details on the commercial theory material and courses visit www.bristol.gs

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FREE PILOT CAREER SEMINAR

Commercial Pilot Seminars are a great opportunity to meet the training team at Phoenix. The seminar is a half day event which usually includes a presentation by our chief pilot. The presentation is designed to not only give you information about Phoenix courses and how we work but also to answer any questions you have about the industry itself. Part of the presentation will include career paths, for example what is required for someone looking to become an Air Ambulance pilot or perhaps an off-shore pilot. The dates of the 2015 seminars are as follows…

Blackbushe Airport

February 7th, April 3rd, June 5th, August 7th & October 2nd.

Goodwood Aerodrome

March 6th, May 1st, September 4th & November 6th.

The seminars are completely FREE of charge! We do ask you email us to let us know if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of numbers for the day.

Unfortunately we don't provide any form of finance ourselves. If you're looking for finance for any stage of your training we recommend you visit www.atplfinance.co.uk

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Getting Started

Ready to get started or perhaps you're still not sure? Either way we recommend you attend one of our seminars or perhaps book some time in with us to have a chat with one of our instructors one to one. From there we can look into your personal requirements and create a plan of action to get you started.

If you have never flown before we do recommend you book a trial lesson to make sure flying helicopters is for you. We offer standard set prices for trial lessons starting from a 30 minute lesson at £220 inc VAT or a full hour's lesson at £375 inc VAT.

Alternatively we also offer an introduction course including 5 hours flight training in the R22 and a 20 minute taster flight in the R44. The introduction course is priced at £1745 inc VAT. The introduction course is a great way to get started and is our recommended starting point.

From the intro course you can then continue onto the professional pilot's course. If you want to train to become a commercial pilot but don't want to follow the professional course payment structure please see our standard price list. The standard price list doesn't give you the same discounts or extra additional courses like the professional pilots course but allows more flexible payment options with "pay on the day" options.

Training with us or someone else already?

If you are already training with us on our standard modular PPL course you can transfer to the professional course to receive the course discounts and benefits. The prices quoted are aimed at an individual starting from scratch so we would amend the course costing to suit your personal situation and requirements.

If you have been training at another school or organisation you can move onto our professional course at any time. You will still receive our great rates however our (FREE R44 rating offer) and some additional free courses are not included as they only apply to students training with the company from PPL all the way through to CPL.

Branches

Goodwood Aerodrome

Located on the South Coast of England, Goodwood is one of the most nostalgic aerodromes in the country. The whole Goodwood estate is deliberately set back in time with buildings and hangers kept where possible themed with a 1940's vintage feel. The Goodwood estate which includes the aerodrome, motor circuit and famous Goodwood House is often the venue for many one off events as well as the very popular annual festivals such as the Revival and the Festival of Speed. These events and the overall aesthetically pleasing nature of the location make Goodwood an interesting and dynamic place to conduct your training.

The aerodrome itself is a large grass airfield with large helicopter training areas perfect for training. Located close to the coast and almost at sea level, the aerodrome doesn't suffer with the same low cloud issues as other more in-land locations but at the same time doesn't suffer with the wind and sea fog of airfields directly on the sea. The airspace surrounding the aerodrome is also perfect for training as there is a good mixture of unrestricted airspace to complete all necessary exercises whilst having the busier restricted airspace of Southampton and Gatwick not too far away for good practice.

Blackbushe Airport

Located conveniently next to the M3 and only a few miles from the M25, Blackbushe Airport is a great spot for aviation. The airfield sits just south of Reading and north west of Farnborough giving the branch a great mix of unrestricted airspace to train in as well as some of the busiest airspace in the world, with the London Zone only a few miles north east of the airport. Being so close to London's busy airspace is fantastic training for future professional pilots however you only need to head west from the airport to have some fun in the less congested unrestricted airspace. The branch is often used as a refuel spot for many utility helicopters as well as a pick up point for VIP helicopter charter machines due to its proximity from London.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why show the prices excluding VAT?

It can be confusing when comparing prices of different schools as they may only show a price excluding VAT. At Phoenix we try to be as transparent as possible clearly advertising both prices as many pilots will set themselves up as a self-employed helicopter pilot. They will then get themselves VAT registered. As a VAT registered company you can claim back the VAT on all expenses. However this isn't quite as simple as 20% on all costs as some products, such as educational books, will be VAT FREE.

Why choose Phoenix?

We believe we have the most comprehensive professional pilot's course in Europe.

We pride ourselves for being a high quality training provider focusing on making our students the best pilots they can be.

We don't aim to be the cheapest but you will struggle to find a more competitive course anywhere in Europe. Honest pricing, great value for money and quality training.

How long will the course take?

We recommend students allow for a course duration of approximately 12 to 18 months. The main factor that will dictate the speed with which you progress is the theoretical exams. Some students take longer than others to complete this section of the course so to err on the side of caution we advise 12 to 18 months.

If I'm practicing landing will I be charged multiple fees?

No, we charge one landing fee per lesson. The only way you would be charged more landing fees is if the flight included a land away at a different airfield. We also don't charge any fuel surcharge fees, circuit fees or any other hidden fees.

For any other questions don't hesitate to contact us alternatively attend one of our FREE commercial pilot seminars.

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After the course...

Phoenix has designed our professional course to be the most comprehensive course available on the market. The course includes everything your need to become a professional helicopter pilot. As Phoenix Helicopters holds its own AOC certificate it means the organisation and staff are often involved in commercial helicopter operations such as pleasure flying, VIP charter and aerial photography. This creates an ideal environment for your training and often presents an opportunity to new pilots to work for our organisation after completing the course. Alternatively our knowledge of the industry and job market can be used as a valuable tool to advance your career. Some of the most common roles in the industry include...

Police Pilot – The Police use helicopters for a variety of roles ranging from high speed pursuits to anti-drug observation missions with the infrared heat sensing camera. A role as a Police helicopter pilot would be very diverse with new challenges and mission each day.

Air Ambulance – The Air Ambulance land at some incredibly challenging locations all over the country taking injured civilians to hospital. A role as an Air Ambulance pilot would be incredibly diverse as you would potentially be landing at new sites for the first time every flight.

Off-Shore Oil & Gas Platforms – The North Sea has thousands of Oil & Gas platforms located hundreds of miles from the shore. These locations require equipment and skilled workers to be transported to and from the rigs daily. The only practical solution is helicopter transport. North Sea pilot roles are typically very well paid with working rotors of 7days on/ 7days off.

VIP Charter – Due to the speed, style and convenience of the helicopter, many business men/women and "A-list" individuals choose to travel using this method. A VIP charter pilot will fly some of the most luxurious aircraft in the industry. Charter flights often include taking clients from remote private locations into built up areas such as London.

Utility Surveying – Many utility companies will use helicopters to conduct routine surveys on pipelines, and other vital utility networks. The role will often involve flying low level over specified routes and is usually conducted in state of the art twin engine helicopters.

Flight Instructor – Flight Instruction is one of the quickest ways to build up experience as a pilot. A flight instructor at a busy school can fly over 700 hours a year. The majority of lessons will be conducted on simple single engine piston aircraft. Experience as a flight instructor is well respected throughout the industry and the role is often used as a stepping stone into other rotary positions within the industry.

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