

AUSTRALIAN HELICOPTER PILOT SCHOOL

FLYING HELICOPTERS

Learning to fly helicopters is an exciting and challenging journey by anyone's standards, but also incredibly rewarding. Helicopters offer a unique sense of freedom and adventure that is unrivalled by anything else. Although there are no formal pre-requisites, learning to fly requires a high degree of motivation and self-discipline. You will quickly discover that both practical and theory components must be mastered in order to gain the most out of the flying training program on your way to becoming a safe and competent pilot.



FLYING FOR FUN

A Private Helicopter Licence (or PPL) allows you to fly family and friends for fun anywhere in Australia but not for financial gain. Whether it be taking friends over Sydney Harbour, Orange, Blue Mountains, QLD Islands, flying around Australia, or even taking that special person for lunch in the Hunter Valley, a helicopter flight is guaranteed to blow their mind away.

FLYING AS A CAREER

Flying helicopters is one of the most challenging yet rewarding and immensely satisfying careers there is. The versatility of tasks that one encounters is second to none. Upon completion of your commercial flight training, you will be qualified to fly commercially paying passengers on light single engine aircraft. As you gain endorsements and experience you'll move on to bigger and more advanced aircraft, flying more demanding and challenging tasks. A commercial pilot has the ability to not only safely fly the aircraft, but also make operational decisions in flying operations.

OUR HELICOPTERS

We have access to one of the largest training fleet of aircraft in NSW & QLD and are able to consistently accommodate simultaneous lessons and private hire. Our helicopters are all in excellent condition and regularly maintained by Heliflite and Platinum Helicopters Maintenance, with whom we are affiliated. Heliflite are Australia's largest distributor for Robinson R22, Robinson R44 and Robinson R66 helicopters.

OUR FLEET CONSISTS OF:

- ▶ 9 x Robinson R22
- ▶ 6 x Robinson R44
- ▶ 2 x Robinson R44 Night VFR Equipped
- ▶ 1 x Bell Jetranger
- ▶ 1 x Bell 206 BIII Jetranger
- ▶ 1 Robinson R66

ABOUT AUSTRALIAN HELICOPTER PILOT SCHOOL

Australian Helicopter Pilot School is supported by Sydney's longest serving helicopter flight training school. We operate from three heliports located at Bankstown NSW, Orange NSW and Redcliffe QLD.

Bill Miller, the Chief Pilot and Chief Flying Instructor, has over 12,000 flight hours and 25 years of industry and flying experience.

Australian Helicopter Pilot School provides a range of helicopter services, including flight training and endorsements, charter, air work and private hire.

GETTING STARTED

Why not try a trial introductory flight? These are a great way to experience the thrill of flying. You don't need any previous experience, and they are available at a reduced cost. The flight is a full hands-on lesson with one of our instructors and includes a thorough pre-flight briefing. The cost is \$299 inclusive of GST. This will be refunded back to you upon completion of your first solo flight, should you undertake training with us.

If you would like to perform a slightly more advanced trial flight, we also provide a flight discovery package at a reduced cost of \$900 inclusive of GST. This includes 2 hours of instructional flying and comprehensive pre and post flight briefings.

I sincerely thank you for your interest in our training school. I would like to encourage you to visit us to discuss any further questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you!

Best Regards

Bill Miller A.T.P.L (H)
Chief Pilot and
Chief Flying Instructor





OBTAINING A LICENCE

There are 2 categories of helicopter licence - private and commercial.

A **PRIVATE LICENCE** is suited to those who wish to fly for pleasure. It will allow you to fly an Australian registered helicopter anywhere within Australia. The requirements for a private licence are:

- ▶ Achieve a minimum 50 hours flight experience in accordance with our CASA approved flight training syllabus
- ▶ Pass a Class 2 aviation medical examination
- ▶ Demonstrate adequate aeronautical knowledge by passing a single theory exam
- ▶ Pass a practical flight test

A **COMMERCIAL LICENCE** is suited to those who wish to fly as a career. It allows you to fly for financial reward (i.e. work as a helicopter pilot). The requirements for a commercial licence are:

- ▶ Achieve a minimum 105* hours flight experience in accordance with our CASA approved flight training syllabus
- ▶ Pass a Class 1 aviation medical examination
- ▶ Demonstrate adequate aeronautical knowledge by passing a set of theory exams
- ▶ Pass a practical flight test

* The last 30 hours of which must be completed within 90 days

The aeronautical experience (50 hours for the private licence, 105 hours for the commercial licence) are the minimum allowable hours, as dictated by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. It would be sensible to allow a little more than the minimums to cater for differing student abilities.

If you have previous flying experience such as a fixed wing licence, then there is a reduction on the number of hours required to convert to the helicopter pilot licence.

A pass in the helicopter theory examination is a pre-requisite to obtaining a licence. Although not very complex, there is a large volume of material which must be learnt. Theory training is undertaken in conjunction with Advanced Flight Theory and Heli Theory Australia, whom we have shared a relationship for over ten years. We will order the theory books from AFT at the appropriate time during your training – typically within the first ten hours. AFT are recognized throughout Australia as specialists in the field of aviation training.



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THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS FORM THE THEORY TRAINING SYLLABUS:

- ▶ Meteorology
- ▶ Navigation
- ▶ Air Law
- ▶ Aerodynamics
- ▶ Operations, Performance and Planning
- ▶ Aircraft General Knowledge
- ▶ Human Factors

There are two options for completing the theory studying:

- 1) Self study
- 2) Full time ground school with Heli Theory Australia

Self study has proven to be the most popular option as it enables students to undertake study at a time that suits them. If any problems arise during studying, then we are always available to provide assistance. However, if you are having difficulties finding the time to study, or you have general problems understanding some of the topics, we can arrange for students to undertake intensive full time training directly with Heli Theory Australia.