**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.
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.

**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 areas 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.