

AV8 Aviation – After your first airplane flight

Welcome to the beginning of your aviation journey. This information can be thought of as your quick FAQ type reference.

PLEASE BRING TO YOUR NEXT LESSON:

- Proof of Citizenship (Passport, or birth certificate and photo ID)
- Pilot Logbook (if you have one)
- Any flight training materials, books, or supplies you may already have
- Certificate from the FREE CAPS course at: <https://learning.cirrusapproach.com>
- Completed Rental Agreement, and proof of insurance
- Student Pilot application completed

TRAINING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:

We use the *Cirrus Approach* training material, for plane specific training. These online based interactive training systems also provide much of the basic pilot knowledge but you may wish to purchase other courses or supplies, such as a flight bag, logbook, plotter and flight computer. For those that prefer a printed book, we offer a few of the more common FAA reference books as well.

Headsets: Because the inside of an aircraft can be a noisy, an aviation headset is used for required in plane intercom system, as well as to transmit and receive on the installed radios. We may have headsets you can rent on a per flight basis, but suggest that you purchase your own. We suggest any of the larger brand names (Bose, Lightspeed, David Clark, etc.) if you wish to purchase. We suggest you consider an ANR model for additional hearing protection. The airplane is equipped with a LEMO style connector, as well as the older style dual GA plugs. If you are trying to decide on which option of connector to buy, we suggest the LEMO style connector which will power the headset without use of batteries. If you ever do need to plug into an older style dual plug, there are fairly cheap adapters to use the dual plugs in those aircraft. Average prices are in the \$600-1000+ range. Used is also an option (Facebook, Craigslist, eBay, etc) as there are many people with lightly used headsets that either never started training, or stopped for whatever reason.

PRIVATE PILOT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Age:** At least 17 to obtain a private pilot certificate (at least 16 to solo).
- **Language:** You must be able to read, write, and speak English.
- **Student Pilot:** A student pilot application can be completed with your instructor. The application process is started by creating an account at <http://iacra.faa.gov> and completing and submitting an application for student pilot.
- **Medical:** The FAA requires all pilots pass a medical exam. Please schedule an FAA 3rd class exam as soon as possible. In Redding, there is 2 approved locations for the exam.
- Local Medical Examiner: **Dr. Solkovits (530)247-7070 or Dr. Philips (530)221-1565**
- Visit http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/get/ for more information, and the **required** application. The ID number from the medical application you complete online will be required for your appointment.
- **Hours Required:** The FAA requires at least 40 hours of flight training. Average time is 60-80 hours.
- **Written Test:** A 60 question multiple-choice test must be passed with a score of 70% or greater.
- **Practical Test:** A ground and flight test must be passed to receive your certificate.

LESSON SCHEDULES AND TRAINING TIME:

Most lessons are scheduled as a 2 hour block of time. Flight lessons start and end on odd number hours (7-9, 9-11, 11-1, etc.) to allow for maximum use during the day. The amount of time spent on the ground will vary depending on the topics of the day. Completing your assigned reading will allow for more time flying! A good training schedule would be 2-3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for example) to allow for a day of study time before your next flight.

Flights are scheduled through our online scheduling system. We can provide you with access to the system, or our staff can help schedule a flight for you. You will be asked for basic information to complete our records before scheduling additional flights. For example, you must provide the proof of citizenship information before beginning flight training lessons. Additional requirements can be found in our rental agreement.

You are encouraged to show up early for your scheduled time. If the plane is available, you will have access to manuals and the systems in the plane for familiarization, and you may be able to begin your preflight.

If you must cancel, please do so as soon as you know you will not be able to make the scheduled time. Poor weather conditions allow for other training that you will need (such as knowledge review or time in our simulator) so cancellations for weather are not recommended unless we mutually agree on the cancellation. Please always contact the office or the instructor if you must cancel. **No shows will incur a fee. Refer to the rental agreement for more details.**