



Licenses & Ratings

Debert Flight Centre
Truro Flying Club

Recreational Pilot Permit (RPP)

Requirements:

- Category 4 medical
- Must be 16 years of age to hold RPP

Flight Training:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum of 25 hours of flight training including:
 - 15 hours dual which includes 2 hours dual cross country
 - 5 hours solo

Ground School:

- Not formally required by Transport Canada
- Private Pilot ground school on-site from 7:00pm - 10:00pm Tuesday and Thursday for 16 weeks. Held 3x per calendar year.
- One-on-one instruction available at your convenience

Examination:

- Transport Canada written exam Recreational – Aeroplane (RPPAE)
- PSTAR pre-solo written exam
- Industry Canada radio operator exam (ROC-A)

Flight Test:

- The student must demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge and competence in flying to a Transport Canada pilot examiner.

Approximate Cost:

\$10,000 – \$12,000 CAD

Flight Test Guide:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/flight-test-guide-recreational-pilot-permit-aeroplane-tp-12475>

RPPAE Exam Guide:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/study-reference-guide-recreational-pilot-permit-aeroplane-tp-12467>

Private Pilot License (PPL)

Requirements:

- Category 3 medical examination completed by a Transport Canada approved doctor (CAME)
- Must be 17 years of age to hold PPL

Training Hours:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum of 45 hours including:
 - 17 Hours dual including 3 dual cross-country
 - 12 Hours solo including 5 solo cross-country
 - 5 hours of instrument time 3 may be completed in a flight training device (FTD)

Ground School:

- 40 hours required by Transport Canada
- 7:00pm - 10:00pm Tuesday and Thursday for 16 weeks. Held 3x per calendar year
- Other schedules are implemented from time to time to suit varying student requirements
- One-on-one training available at your convenience

Examination:

- Transport Canada written exam Private Pilot- Aeroplane (PPAER)
- PSTAR pre-solo examination
- Industry Canada radio operator exam (ROC-A)

Flight Test

- The student must demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge and competence in flying to a Transport Canada pilot examiner.

Approximate Cost:

\$12,000 - \$15,000 CAD

Flight Test Guide:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/flight-test-guide-private-pilot-licence-aeroplane-tp-13723>

PPAER Exam Guide:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/study-reference-guide-written-examinations-private-pilot-licence-aeroplane-tp-12880>

Commercial Pilot License (CPL)

Prerequisite:

- Category 1 medical examination completed by a Transport Canada approved doctor (CAME)
- Must be 18 years of age to hold a commercial pilots license

Experience:

- A minimum total of 200 hours flight time of which a minimum of 100 hours shall be pilot in command (PIC) time including 20 hours cross country PIC flight time

Flight Training:

- Transport Canada minimum total training time of 35 hours dual including:
 - 5 Hours cross-country
 - 5 Hours night including 2 Night Cross-country
 - 20 hours instrument of which 10 may be completed in a flight training device (FTD)
 - 5 Hours dedicated to improving general flying skill
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of solo flight training including:
 - 25 hours dedicated to general improvement of flying skill
 - A cross country to a point a minimum of 300 nautical miles from the point of departure which includes a minimum of two stops at intermediate points.
 - 5 Hours of night flying

Ground School:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum 80 hours of ground school
- Offered Monday and Wednesday evenings at various times throughout the calendar year

Examination:

- Students must complete the Transport Canada written exam Commercial Pilot – Aeroplane (CPAER)
- Topics include Air Law, Navigation, Meteorology and General Knowledge.

Flight Test:

- The student must demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge and competence in flying to a Transport Canada pilot examiner.

Approximate Cost:

\$30,000 - \$35,000 CAD

Guides:

Written exam:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/study-reference-guide-written-examinations-commercial-pilot-licence-aeroplane-tp-12881/examinations>

Flight test guide:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/flight-test-guide-commercial-pilot-licence-aeroplane-tp-13462>

Night Rating

This rating is required for private pilots who wish to operate their aircraft after official night.

Prerequisite:

- Student must hold a PPL to begin night training.
- Student must hold a valid medical for their license.

Flight Training:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum of 10 hours of flight training at night this includes:
 - 5 Hours dual instruction including 2 hours cross-country
 - 5 Hours solo instruction with a minimum of 10 take-offs and landings
- Students must also complete a total of 10 hours of instrument training 5 of which may be completed in a flight training device

Ground School:

- There is no ground school requirement for the night rating. Preparatory ground instruction will be held with an instructor before commencing night flights. Topics to be covered include:
 - CARs for night flying
 - Instrument flying and partial panel instrument flying
 - Human factors and decision making
 - Radio Navigation

Written Exam:

- There is no written exam

Flight Test:

- There is no flight test however an evaluation flight must be carried out with an instructor before a night rating may be issued

Approximate Cost:

\$2,000 - \$3,000 CAD

VFR Over the Top Rating (VFR OTT)

This rating allows Private and Commercial Pilots in airplanes or helicopters to fly on top of cloud or between layers when operating under visual flight rules.

Prerequisite:

- Valid Private Pilot license
- The VFR-OTT Rating allows Private and Commercial Pilots in airplanes or helicopters to fly on top of cloud or between layers when operating under visual flight rules.

Flight Training:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum of 15 hours of instrument training 5 of which may be conducted in a flight training device.

Ground School:

- There is no ground school requirement. Preparatory ground instruction will include:
 - Brief on appropriate Transport Canada CARs.
 - Radio nav and instrument review
 - Decision making

Written Exam:

- There is no written exam

Flight Test:

- There is no flight test however an evaluation flight must be carried out with an instructor before a VFR OTT rating may be issued

Approximate Cost:

\$2,000 - \$3,000 CAD

Class 4 Instructor Rating

Allows a pilot to teach others to fly while under the supervision of more senior instructors.

Prerequisite:

- Must hold a valid CPL prior to beginning flight instructor training
- Must hold a valid Category 1 medical

Flight Training:

- A minimum of 30 hours of dual flight training which shall include a minimum of 5 hours of training in the teaching of instrument flight skills. (A maximum 5 of the 30 hours may be conducted on an approved aeroplane simulator).
- Additional solo hours may be required to obtain a commercial pilot level of flight proficiency from the right seat.

Ground School:

- Transport Canada requires a minimum of 25 hours of ground school with a class 1 flight instructor

Examination:

- The Transport Canada written exam Flight Instructor Rating – Aeroplane class 4 (AIRAF) must be successfully completed.

Flight Test:

- The student must demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge and competence in flying to a Transport Canada pilot examiner in addition to demonstrating skill as an instructor.

Approximate Cost:

\$8,000 – \$10,000 CAD

Guides:

- Written Exam Guide:
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/study-reference-guide-written-examinations-flight-instructor-rating-aeroplane-tp-15219>
- Flight test guide:
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/flight-test-guide-flight-instructor-rating-aeroplane-helicopter-aerobatic-tp-5537>
- Flight Instructor Guide:
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/flight-instructor-guide-aeroplane-tp-975>

