

Getting Started with Flight Training: Guide for new Clients

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for choosing DW Aviation, LLC for your flight training needs!

Here are a few things you need to do to get started with your flight training. If you and your instructor have already done certain items, please skip those. Per the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) an instructor will have to determine your applicability to become a student pilot and provide flight training. Please do your best to show up to our first lesson with this checklist completed and it will save you time, money, and will help expedite the learning process (discovery flights do not count as the first flight lesson).

1. Proof of citizenship

- Please **TAKE TO YOUR FIRST LESSON** one of the following so your citizenship status may be verified if it was not already on your discovery flight. If you are a United States citizen:
 - Valid, CURRENT U.S. passport.
 - Original or government-issued birth certificate of the U.S., American Samoa, or Swains Island **AND** a **government-issued** picture ID.
 - Original certificate of birth abroad with raised seal (Form FS-545 or DS-1350) **AND** a **United States of America** government-issued picture ID.
 - Original certificate of U.S. citizenship with raised seal (Form N-560 or N-561) or a Certificate of Repatriation (Form N-581) **AND** a **United States of America** government-issued picture ID.
 - Original U.S. Naturalization Certificate with raised seal (Form N-550 or N-570) **AND** a **United States of America** government-issued picture ID.
- If you **are not** a United States of American citizen, **bring with you** a copy of your current valid passport and another form of government issued photo identification. There are more steps to becoming a student pilot which we'll discuss during our first meeting.

2. A valid third class (or first class if you're planning on *ever* flying commercially) medical certificate.

- You will need a valid medical certificate prior to your first solo flight. It is recommended to get this done prior to your first flight to verify your ability to obtain and maintain a medical, prior to spending lots of time and money on flight training.
- You can find an Aeromedical Examiner near you at www.FAA.gov. DW Aviation, LLC recommends Dr. J. Burr Ross, who you can contact at www.MyFlightSurgeon.com.
 - Whoever you go with will want to see a completed "MedExpress" form filled out. You do this on your own prior to booking an appointment at <https://medexpress.faa.gov/medexpress>.

3. Your current weight

- Prior to flying together your instructor will need to know your current ***accurate*** weight. This is a safety and performance matter so it is important to measure your actual weight as accurately as possible please.



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4. Insurance

- Please have an active renter's (or owner's if using your own aircraft) insurance policy ready to go. The policy should reflect your current aeronautical experience (e.g. student pilot, private pilot, commercial pilot, etc.) and have hull coverage of at least \$50,000. Once you have the policy, please ***ADD Dan Weecks, Certified Flight Instructor (CFI/CFI-I) AS ADDITIONAL INSURED.*** If your policy also allows businesses to be added, please add DW Aviation, LLC.
 - AOPA or Avemco insurance often offers the best savings.
 1. <https://www.aopa.org/membership/personal>
 2. https://www.avemco.com/products?partner=WGOG&gelid=Cj0KCCQjwi7DtBRCLARIsAGCJWBrnfucsXh3Zl9r3eX20ZzhlTd5t4aCxL24vVYCw_IA77ke2CO7MFM8aAp0HEALw_wcB

5. IACRA Registration (for new student pilots or drone pilots)

- IACRA is the FAA's own Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application website. This is going to be the place where you submit most of your FAA applications. Visit www.IACRA.faa.gov and in the login box select register. Select the box which says Applicant and proceed to the next page. Continue the rest of the application.
- You may [watch this step-by-step tutorial video for assistance](#).
- Once an application is submitted and an IACRA account is created, take note and **EMAIL YOUR INSTRUCTOR** your "FTN" number.

6. Payment

- DW Aviation, LLC charges \$75/hour, charged in tenths of the hour, for both ground and flight instruction. DWA can accept cash, or card payments through Venmo (@DWAviation). All outstanding balances must be paid prior to any logbook endorsements or flight sign-offs.

7. Basic Equipment

- For flight students, a standard airplane headset (2 plug) is necessary every flight. If you don't have your own headset, no problem. Just let your instructor know and one will be provided (free for the first 3 lessons, \$10 rental every flight thereafter).
- **Take bottled water every flight.** It's Arizona and you need to stay hydrated!
- Have available at least 2 pens and paper to write on during your flight lessons. A knee-board is recommended, but a pad of paper/clipboard will be fine as well.
- Other [required and recommended equipment is listed here](#).

If you have any questions, contact us by visiting our website, www.DWAviation.us.