



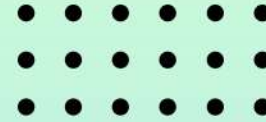
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PILOT TRAINING ACADEMY
NEW DELHI TRIVANDRUM CHENNAI CALICUT

2026



ABOUT PILOT18



Started humbly as an aviation accessories brand in India, Pilot18 is now the first and only one sole aviation accessories manufacturer brand and also one of the most prominent Pilots' DGCA ground class coaching institutes in India, providing classes for CPL, PPL, ATPL, RTR-A airline training, IELTS, ELP etc. through centers in Trivandrum, New Delhi, Chennai and online.

With over **3250** students till date from **2014**, we are placed number one and the most awarded Pilot DGCA ground class coaching institutes in India.



Award by Higher education minister Dr. R Bindu on a seminar for higher education. 30-11-2021

OUR TEAM

Our team consists of pilots, aircraft engineers, language experts and marketing marvels. Key roles are played by the following crucial team members forming the background of the team Pilot18. Other guest instructors & mentors include Mrs. Aswathy, Mrs. Nisha, Capt. Pournima,, Capt. Abeenash, Mr. Vishal Rawat etc.



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Chief Co-ordinator



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Instructor



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ELP Instructor



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Instructor



Capt. Neeraj Krishnan
Instructor



WHY TO BECOME A PILOT?

Becoming a pilot is a dream that transforms into a thrilling and rewarding career for those who dare to aim high. Pilots enjoy the unique privilege of commanding an aircraft, experiencing the freedom of the skies, and witnessing the world from a perspective few can match. It's a career that combines adventure, precision, and responsibility, offering opportunities to travel globally, connect with diverse cultures, and continually challenge oneself. The aviation industry provides a stable and lucrative career path with immense growth potential as air travel continues to expand.

CAN GIRLS BECOME PILOTS?

Absolutely, girls can become pilots! There are no gender restrictions in aviation; what matters are skills, training, and determination. Many women around the world have excelled as pilots, flying commercial airlines, fighter jets, and private aircraft. Aviation offers equal opportunities for everyone, and airlines actively encourage more women to join the industry.

BEST AGE TO START TRAINING

The best age to start pilot training depends on individual circumstances, but generally, beginning in your 16-17 years is ideal. Minimum age requirement of 16–18 years to start and getting your commercial pilot license (CPL) by 18 years or older, as per regulatory standards like DGCA or FAA. Starting young allows you to build hours, gain experience, and progress through the ranks at a steady pace. However, it's never too late to start—many successful pilots have begun training later in life, like 35-45 years, bringing maturity, focus, and financial stability to the table.

ANY DEGREE REQUIRED?

No specific degree is required to become a pilot, but having a degree can be advantageous as an extra qualification. Most countries, including India (DGCA) and the USA (FAA), only require you to meet certain age, medical, and educational qualifications to obtain a Commercial Pilot License (CPL).



Steps to become a pilot...



1. Qualification

Education

- 10+2 with Physics and Maths
- NIOS for those with humanities / commerce

Physical

- Student should be physically fit.
- Girls and boys can join
- DGCA medical examination will be conducted at our premises by approved examiner.
- 150 cms or more height. BMI between 18 and 25
- Beauty or skin color doesn't matter at all.

Finance

- Total cost approx. 65 lakhs
- Total duration 18-24 months
- Bank loan may be availed.

We conduct Class 2 Medical for pilot trainees before admission from NABH/NABL lab to ensure they are medically fit for career.

Medical Tests

- Pure Tone Audiometry
- Vision Test after dilatation
- Chest X-Ray with doctor's remark report
- USG of Abdomen ultrasound with doctor's remark report
- ECG with doctor's report in the graph
- Urine Checkup with QR Code in report - RE & ME, Specific Gravity
- Blood checkup with QR Code in report. - Hb TLC DLC - Blood Sugar F/ PP & Lipid Profile (If BMI is more than 25 or less than 18)

Total expenses ~8000 Rs



2. Medicals



3. Theory classes

For CPL, 5 online DGCA exams are to be cleared. Exams are conducted at DGCA centers.

- 70% marks for pass.
- 2500 / 5000 Rs govt. fees

Subjects

- Aviation meteorology
- Air Regulations
- Air navigation
- Technical General
- Technical Specific
- RTR-A

Other activities

- Simulator flying 15 hrs
- ELP, Spoken English
- Swimming training 25 hrs

Duration: 8-12 months (CPL)
Conversion 5 months
ATPL 5 months



4. Flying Training

200 hrs of flying training is required to get CPL. Out of which 185 hrs in single engine and 15 hrs in multi engine aircraft. Flying training includes

- Circuit landing
- Solo (4 checks)
- General Flying
- Cross country
- Night flying
- Instrument flying (IFR)
- Multi Engine
- Simulator training 20 hrs

Also you need valid Class1 medical, police clearance and theory exams cleared, RTR license, FRTOL license and Student Pilot License to get CPL.



5. Type Rating

Type Rating is a specialized certification required for pilots to operate advanced aircraft, such as Airbus A320 or Boeing 737 for airline flying. It is done on large expensive flight simulators. Type rating is mandatory for most commercial airline pilots and corporate jet operators. The program typically lasts 45 to 60 days and costs about 10 to 20 lakhs.

Earlier, pilots have to do TR by their own. Nowadays, owing to shortage of pilots, some airlines provide sponsored type rating. Pilots are required to sign service contract period agreement in return.



Why to choose Pilot18?



01

10 years in DGCA Pilot theory classes

10 Long years and more than 3200 pilots trained so far online and offline, we are among the top training institutes in India and miles ahead of the nearest competitor. Thanks to the discipline and structured class pattern which we designed through our years long experience.

02

Online theory classes portal & app

Our revolutionary theory coaching portal incorporates fully online theory coaching for pilots to achieve all types of licenses through self study portal pilot18.com and our app

03

Free Flight Simulator Training

Free compulsory flight simulator training for 15 hours is given to each student to help him understand how an aircraft flies and how to operate it, along with their theory classes. Cessna 172, 152, Airbus and Boeing simulators are available with us.

04

Free IELTS, ELP English Coaching

Language is the key. We provide free English language Proficiency training as per DGCA requirement and spoken English classes for developing your communication skills

05

PASS or 100% Money back guarantee

We have a 100% PASS or Money back guarantee, which makes us stand out of the league. It is our high success rate in DGCA exams which makes Pilot18 the best in pilot training since inception.

06

BA, BSc, BBA Added programs

It is always better to add a BA/BSc degree along with your pilot training. Once you join your airline career, you will have a graduation. BSc Aviation, BBA Aviation and other streams are available through IGNOU and other reputed universities.

07

Spacious smart AC Classrooms, lab & amenities

Our classrooms are well equipped with all necessary features. AC, proper lab, working models of engines, real aircraft parts, WiFi streamed interactive videos, extensive library and lot more to make you understand each and every concept with ease.

08

Free Swimming, First aid class, Leisure, Pilot Kit

We provide professional grade swimming training for 25 hours, by national level coach. Also, CPR first aid classes, leisure trips, games, athletics, gym training and other amenities are all included in the basic fees. A pilot kit with uniform, study materials, logbook, keychains etc. worth 25000 Rs is also given to the student.



Pilot18 Coaching insights

Pilot theory classes for DGCA exams will be conducted regularly on a daily basis and also as weekend batches. Online classes are available for working students, CPL conversion and ATPL.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Students must attend and pass our topic-wise exams regularly. Also, full subject exams must be passed at least 10 times within 7 days prior to DGCA exam, which makes them eligible for our revolutionary Pass or money back guarantee.

How our classes work?

- » Classes from Monday to Saturday. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm (2 sessions)
- » Daily online mock exams, just like DGCA exam
- » Full subject online exam revision after completing each subject
- » One subject only at a time to make sure you understand concepts.
- » Whatsapp groups for cadets and parents
- » Daily updates shared with parents
- » Seminars led by student to build confidence
- » Online classes available for license conversion and ATPL
- » Uniform compulsory except for Wednesdays and Saturdays



Costs, Loans, Salary

Pilot Training being a costly affair, parents and students must be well versed with expenses, duration and other details. A brief description on the entire process is explained below.



Ground class

Our CPL ground class fees for all subjects is 3,10,000 Rs. Admission fees is 10,000 Rs and course fees payable in 2 instalments of 1,50,000 each within first 2 months/after getting computer no, whichever the earliest. Fees includes:

Tuition fees, Uniform, Study materials, Spoken English, Simulator flying, Swimming training, ELP, Map reading, RTR, CPR training, Online study package

Duration: 8 months

ATPL Fees 2,50,000

Air Navigation 1,00,000

Technical General 1,00,000

Avn Meteorology 50,000

Air Regulations 50,000

RTR 30,000

Hostel : 4,500 Rs pm (shared room)

Medicals: 7000 Rs (Class 2)



Flying, Type rating

Flying training is the most expensive part in pilot career. in 2025, flying training cost in India ranges from 40 lakhs INR to 55 lakhs INR for 200 hrs. Payable as 4-6 instalments, many students rely on educational loan. **Duration:** 8 to 18 months

Type Rating

After CPL when you join airlines, you need experience in bigger jet aircraft like Airbus A320, Boeing 737, ATR 72 etc. That experience gaining in Full Motion Flight Simulators is called Type Rating. It costs from 9 lakhs to 20 lakhs Rs, depending on the model of aircraft.

Duration : 45 days to 60 days



Loans

Pilot training being a costly affair, many students rely on educational loans to pay their fees. Loans are available at an average interest rate of ~10%, with nationalised and private banks alike. Collateral security is required in the form of land, home or other property. Repayment starts 1 year after course completion or 1 month after getting job. For 50 lakhs loan for 10 years, EMI will be around 65,000 Rs per month.

Scholarships

Scholarships by state and central govt. are announced at times. Please refer to related announcements for currently available scholarships.



Salary

Salary of pilots depends on a various factors. As a rough figure, starting salary in Indian airlines is ~2.5 to 3 lakhs pm. Once you become a commander, salary starts at 5 lakhs.

For instructors, salary starts at 1.5 lakhs as AFI and then 2.5 lakhs as FI and 5 lakhs as CFI.

For charter pilots, salary starts at 3.5 lakhs pm.

In airlines like Etihad, Emirates etc. salary is almost double than that of Indian airlines.



Scope of job

Scope of job for pilots is in its peak and is expected to continue the same considering fleet expansion of airlines, shortage of pilots and increasing number of airports and passenger movement in this post covid era. Airlines are increasing salary and perks, becoming less stringent in hiring processes making it a golden period to start your journey to cockpit as a career. However, pilots are required to be physically and medically fit throughout their career.

Placement

Most of our students join any of the Indian airlines first. After getting 1500 hrs of experience and ATPL, some of them prefer joining foreign airlines as well. Most of the students in the recent years get placed in 4-6 months after getting their CPL. Some students even opt for Flight instructor and charter pilot options.

Career Options



Air India
In June 2023, Air India ordered 470 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing as part of I Vihaan.AI transformation program. In December 2024, Air India placed an addl order for 100 Airbus aircraft, bringing the total number of aircraft ordered to 571 India's total orderbook for Airbus aircraft is now 344, with six A350-900s already delivered.

IndiGo
In May 2024, IndiGo ordered 30 Airbus A350-900 aircraft to expand its internet network.

Akasa Air
Akasa Air ordered 150 Boeing 737 Max planes, including 737 Max 10 and 737 8-200 jets.

Indian airlines are expected to receive over 1,600 planes in the coming year with the fleet size of Indian airlines projected to reach 1,500 to 2,000 by 2030.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 895
(To be answered on the 21st July 2022)

FLYING TRAINING SCHOOLS

895. **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
जगदम्बिका पाल

be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of Flying Training Schools along with the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of commercial pilots employed in the airline industry and the requirement of commercial pilots by the industry in the next five years;

(c) the details of the commercial pilot licence issued in the country annually and the steps taken by the Government to provide the flying training facilities at an affordable cost and in comparison to the international facilities; and

(d) the number of commercially trained pilots in the country or abroad respectively, along with the steps taken by the Government to streamline the regulatory process in the training facilities?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
जगदम्बिका पाल

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

Air India
<https://newsroom.airindia.com>

Air India orders 34 trainer aircraft for its flying school
16 Dec 2024 — Air India has placed an order for 31 single-engine aircraft from Diamond Aircraft and 3 twin-engine aircraft from Diamond Aircraft.

The Economic Times
<https://m.economictimes.com> > Airlines / Aviation

Air India to start own flying school, in a first in country
17 Jun 2024 — Air India plans to establish a school in Amravati, Maharashtra at training up to 180 pilots annually.

Flying Training

India, USA, Canada, S.Africa etc.

Students can select their flying training academy, once they clear DGCA pilot exams. Though we recommend India for flying training, we provide assistance for training in USA, Australia, South Africa, Philippines etc. and do the needful for license conversion.

▶ India (45-55 lakhs)

There are ~ 40 flying clubs in India, where you can start your flying training. after clearing DGCA exams.

Pros: Best for Indian cadets. value for money

No need of license conversion

Cons: Should be careful in selecting

Fees: 40 to 55 lakhs

Duration: 6 to 18 months

▶ Canada (45-55 lakhs)

Canada has a lot of flying clubs with Indian students in various parts of the country.

Pros: Can do part time jobs

Cons: chances of deviating from career
winters are harsh with no flying

Visa processing is getting difficult

Fees: 40 to 55 lakhs

Duration: 18 to 24 months + conversion

▶ USA (60-70 lakhs)

With over 200 flying clubs, USA is among top countries in pilot training.

Pros: Quality of training

Cons: Very costly, need license conversion

Fees: 60 to 70 lakhs

Duration: 12 to 14 months + conversion

▶ South Africa (40-45 lakhs)

South Africa is becoming a good selection for those who consider cheapest flying. However, safety concerns and conversion charges & duration still makes it less lucrative

Pros: Cheapest fees, Less cost of living

Cons: Safety concerns in some localities

Fees: 30 to 45 lakhs

Duration: 18 to 24 months + conversion



Hostel, Amenities, Extra curricular activities..

Fully equipped hostels, regularly conducted seminars, games, activities, leisure trips, celebrations, certified programs etc. make Pilot18 stand out as a unique combination of intensive career training and relaxing work culture development campus.



Hostel with all amenities

Our hostels are fully equipped with all furniture, Wi-Fi, Water purifier, washing machine, Fridge, cooking facilities, cupboard, furniture and CCTV surveillance. Separate hostels are provided for girls and boys. AC rooms & single occupancy rooms are also available. Veg and non-veg food options available.



Swimming Training & First aid (certified programs - FREE)

We provide professional swimming training at our supervision in renowned swimming club, for handling the unlikely life threatening situations.



Celebrations, picnics, birthdays

All work & no play? That's not our way. Onam, Christmas, Eid, aviation days are all celebrated at no extra cost in world class facilities. Games, contests & tours are also conducted periodically to keep students mentally fit and fresh.



Pilot Kit, Uniform, Freebies worth ~ 35,000 Rs

Pilot18 being an aviation products manufacturer, gives each student 2 sets of professional pilot uniform and a pilots' kit of study materials, Tshirt, Swim suit, logbook, logbook cover, keychains, stickers, scientific calculator, cap, online training package etc. at no extra cost.






THANK YOU


You may reach out to us anytime..

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