

AMC/IEM C – PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE

AMC FCL 1.125

Syllabus
of
1. theoretical knowledge
and
2. flight instruction
for the
private pilot licence
(aeroplane)
PPL(A)

See JAR-FCL 1.125
(See Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 1.125)

1. SYLLABUS
OF
THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE
FOR
THE
PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE
(AEROPLANE)
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 - colours for aeronautical ground lights
 - colours for surface markings

5 ICAO Document 4444 – Rules of the air and air traffic services

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- flight plan clearance and information
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- pilots, responsibility to maintain separation in VMC
- emergency and communications failure procedures by the pilot
- interception of civil aircraft

Approach control service

- departing and arriving aircraft procedures in VMC

Aerodrome control service

- function of aerodrome control towers

- VFR operations
- traffic and circuit procedures
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- control of aerodrome traffic

Flight information and alerting service

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- objectives and basic principles

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 - trim and flap/slat systems
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 - nose wheel, including steering
 - tyres, condition
 - braking systems and precautions in use
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- 8 Airframe loads
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 - causes of pre-ignition and detonation
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- 10 Engine cooling
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- 11 Engine lubrication
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 - lubrication systems
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 - qualities and grades of oil
 - oil temperature and pressure control
 - oil cooling methods
 - recognition of oil system malfunctions
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 - purpose and principle of impulse coupling
 - serviceability checks, recognition of malfunctions
 - operational procedures to avoid spark plug fouling
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 - use of mixture control

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 - batteries, capacity and charging
 - voltmeters and ammeters

- circuit breakers and fuses
 - electrically operated services and instruments
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- 22 Altimeter
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 - function of the sub-scale
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 - pressure altitude
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 - presentation (three needle)
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- principles, presentation and operational use of:
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 - periodic maintenance inspections
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 - flight manual supplements
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 - ATC liaison procedures in controlled/regulated airspace
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 - stalling from level, climbing, descending and turning flight
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 - interrelationship, lateral and directional stability
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 - contents of Mayday message
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 - frequencies to use
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 - harnesses and seat belts
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- engine/cabin fires
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2. SYLLABUS
OF
FLIGHT INSTRUCTION
FOR
THE
PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE
(AEROPLANE)
PPL(A)

ENTRY TO TRAINING

Before being accepted for training an applicant should be informed that the appropriate medical certificate must be obtained before solo flying is permitted.

Exercise 1 Familiarisation with the aeroplane

- characteristics of the aeroplane
- cockpit layout
- systems
- check lists, drills, controls

Exercise 1E Emergency drills

- action in the event of fire on the ground and in the air
- engine cabin and electrical system fire
- systems failure
- escape drills, location and use of emergency equipment and exits

Exercise 2 Preparation for and action after flight

- flight authorisation and aeroplane acceptance
- serviceability documents
- equipment required, maps, etc.
- external checks
- internal checks
- harness, seat or rudder panel adjustments
- starting and warm up checks
- power checks
- running down system checks and switching off the engine
- parking, security and picketing (e.g. tie down)
- completion of authorisation sheet and serviceability documents

Exercise 3 Air experience

- flight exercise

Exercise 4 Effects of controls

- primary effects when laterally level and when banked
- further effects of aileron and rudder
- effects of:
 - airspeed
 - slipstream
 - power
 - trimming controls
 - flaps
 - other controls, as applicable
- operation of:
 - mixture control
 - carburettor heat
 - cabin heating/ventilation
- airmanship

Exercise 5 Taxiing

- pre-taxi checks
- starting, control of speed and stopping
- engine handling
- control of direction and turning
- turning in confined spaces
- parking area procedure and precautions
- effects of wind and use of flying controls

- effects of ground surface
- freedom of rudder movement
- marshalling signals
- instrument checks
- air traffic control procedures
- airmanship

Exercise 5E Emergencies

- Brake and steering failure

Exercise 6 Straight and level

- at normal cruising power, attaining and maintaining straight and level flight
- flight at critically high airspeeds
- demonstration of inherent stability
- control in pitch, including use of trim
- lateral level, direction and balance, trim
- at selected airspeeds (use of power)
- during speed and configuration changes
- use of instruments for precision
- airmanship

Exercise 7 Climbing

- entry, maintaining the normal and max rate climb, levelling off
- levelling off at selected altitudes
- en-route climb (cruise climb)
- climbing with flap down
- recovery to normal climb
- maximum angle of climb
- use of instruments for precision
- airmanship

Exercise 8 Descending

- entry, maintaining and levelling off
- levelling off at selected altitudes
- glide, powered and cruise descent (including effect of power and airspeed)
- side slipping (or suitable types)
- use of instruments for precision flight
- airmanship

Exercise 9 Turning

- entry and maintaining medium level turns
- resuming straight flight
- faults in the turn – (in correct pitch, bank, balance)
- climbing turns
- descending turns
- slipping turns (or suitable types)
- turns onto selected headings, use of gyro heading indicator and compass
- use of instruments for precision
- airmanship

Exercise 10A Slow flight

NOTE: The objective is to improve the student's ability to recognise inadvertent flight at critically low speeds and provide practice in maintaining the aeroplane in balance while returning to normal airspeed.

- safety checks
- introduction to slow flight
- controlled flight down to critically slow airspeed
- application of full power with correct attitude and balance to achieve normal climb speed
- airmanship

Exercise 10B Stalling

- airmanship
- safety checks
- symptoms
- recognition
- clean stall and recovery without power and with power
- recovery when a wing drops
- approach to stall in the approach and in the landing configurations, with and without power, recovery at the incipient stage

Exercise 11 Spin avoidance

- airmanship
- safety checks
- stalling and recovery at the incipient spin stage (stall with excessive wing drop, about 45°)
- instructor induced distractions during the stall

NOTE 1: At least two hours of stall awareness and spin avoidance flight training shall be completed during the course.

NOTE 2: Consideration of manoeuvre limitations and the need to refer to the aeroplane manual and mass and balance calculations.

Exercise 12 Take-off and climb to downwind position

- pre-take-off checks
- into wind take-off
- safeguarding the nosewheel
- crosswind take-off
- drills during and after take-off
- short take-off and soft field procedure/techniques including performance calculations
- noise abatement procedures
- airmanship

Exercise 13 Circuit, approach and landing

- circuit procedures, downwind, base leg
- powered approach and landing
- safeguarding the nosewheel
- effect of wind on approach and touchdown speeds, use of flaps
- crosswind approach and landing
- glide approach and landing
- short landing and soft field procedures/techniques
- flapless approach and landing
- wheel landing (tail wheel aeroplanes)
- missed approach/go around
- noise abatement procedures
- airmanship

Exercise 12/13 Emergencies

- abandoned take-off
- engine failure after take-off
- mislanding/go-around
- missed approach

In the interests of safety it will be necessary for pilots trained on nosewheel aeroplanes to undergo dual conversion training before flying tail wheel aeroplanes, and vice-versa.

Exercise 14 First solo

- instructor's briefing, observation of flight and de-briefing

NOTE: During flights immediately following the solo circuit consolidation the following should be revised.

- procedures for leaving and rejoining the circuit
- the local area, restrictions, map reading
- use of radio aids for homing
- turns using magnetic compass, compass errors
- airmanship

Exercise 15 Advanced turning

- steep turns (45°), level and descending
- stalling in the turn and recovery
- recoveries from unusual attitudes, including spiral dives
- airmanship

Exercise 16 Forced landing without power

- forced landing procedure
- choice of landing area, provision for change of plan
- gliding distance
- descent plan
- key positions
- engine cooling
- engine failure checks
- use of radio
- base leg
- final approach
- landing
- actions after landing
- airmanship

Exercise 17 Precautionary landing

- full procedure away from aerodrome to break-off height
- occasions necessitating
- in-flight conditions
- landing area selection
 - normal aerodrome
 - disused aerodrome
 - ordinary field
- circuit and approach
- actions after landing
- airmanship

Exercise 18A Navigation

Flight planning

- weather forecast and actuals
- map selection and preparation
 - choice of route
 - controlled airspace
 - danger, prohibited and restricted areas
 - safety altitudes
- calculations
 - magnetic heading(s) and time(s) en-route
 - fuel consumption
 - mass and balance
 - mass and performance
- flight information
 - NOTAMS etc.
 - radio frequencies
 - selection of alternate aerodromes
- aeroplane documentation
- notification of the flight
 - pre-flight administrative procedures
 - flight plan form

Departure

- organisation of cockpit workload
- departure procedures
 - altimeter settings
 - ATC liaison in controlled/regulated airspace
 - setting heading procedure
 - noting of ETAs
- maintenance of altitude and heading
- revisions of ETA and heading
- log keeping
- use of radio
- use of nav aids
- minimum weather conditions for continuation of flight
- in-flight decisions
- transiting controlled/regulated airspace
- diversion procedures
- uncertainty of position procedure
- lost procedure

Arrival, aerodrome joining procedure

- ATC liaison in controlled/regulated airspace
- altimeter setting
- entering the traffic pattern
- circuit procedures
- parking
- security of aeroplane
- refuelling
- closing of flight plan, if appropriate
- post-flight administrative procedures

Exercise 18B Navigation problems at lower levels and in reduced visibility

- actions prior to descending
- hazards (e.g. obstacles, and terrain)
- difficulties of map reading
- effects of wind and turbulence
- avoidance of noise sensitive areas

- joining the circuit
- bad weather circuit and landing

Exercise 18C Radio navigation

Use of VHF Omni Range

- availability, AIP, frequencies
- selection and identification
- omni bearing selector (OBS)
- to/from indications, orientation
- course deviation indicator (CDI)
- determination of radial
- intercepting and maintaining a radial
- VOR passage
- obtaining a fix from two VORs

Use of automatic direction finding equipment (ADF) – non-directional beacons (NDBs)

- availability, AIP, frequencies
- selection and identification
- orientation relative to the beacon
- homing

Use of VHF direction finding (VHF/DF)

- availability, AIP, frequencies
- R/T procedures and ATC liaison
- obtaining a QDM and homing

Use of en-route/terminal radar

- availability, AIP
- procedures and ATC liaison
- pilot's responsibilities
- secondary surveillance radar
 - transponders
 - code selection
 - interrogation and reply

Use of distance measuring equipment (DME)

- station selection and identification
- modes of operation
 - distance, groundspeed, time to run

Exercise 19 Basic instrument flight

- physiological sensations
- instrument appreciation
 - attitude instrument flight
- instrument limitations
- airmanship
- basic manoeuvres
 - straight and level at various airspeeds and configurations
 - climbing and descending
 - standard rate turns, climbing and descending, onto selected headings
 - recoveries from climbing and descending turns

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APPLICATION AND REPORT FORM for the PPL(A) skill test

Applicant's last name:		First name:	
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1	Details of the flight		
Type of aeroplane:		Departure aerodrome:	
Registration:		Destination aerodrome:	
Block time off:		Block time on:	
Total block time:		Take-off time:	
Landing time:			

2	Result of the test *delete as necessary		
Passed*	Failed *	Partial pass *	

3	Remarks		

Location and date:		Type and number of FE's licence:	
Signature of FE:		Name of FE, in capitals:	