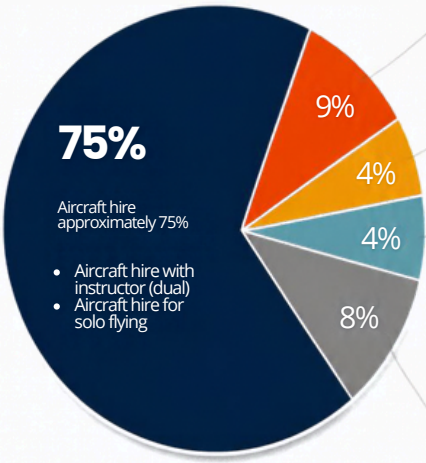
Where Does the Money Actually Go?

Pilot training involves much more than paying for flying hours.



Theory courses & examination costs – approximately 9%

- Theory courses
- Learning materials
- CASA examination fees

Flight test fees – approximately 4%

- CASA flight test fees

Landing & air navigation charges – approximately 4%

- Airport landing fees
- Airservices Australia air navigation and fees where applicable

Other training costs – approximately 9%

- Maps, charts & documents
- Navigation equipment
- CASA aviation medical
- ASIC (Aviation Security Identification Card)
- CASA licence issue fees
- Headset

What about accommodation and living costs?

These are additional costs for students who need to live away from home during their training.

Personal expenses

These costs can be substantial but are not included in the training cost percentages above.

What are you actually paying for?

- Aircraft hire – Dual (with instructor)
- Aircraft hire – Solo
- Theory Courses & Learning Materials
- Maps, Charts & Documents
- CASA Licence issue
- Airport Landing Fees MAY APPLY at the airport & with the school you choose to train with
- Airservices Australia Air Navigation Charges - applies to certain limited flights.
- CASA Flight Test Fees
  Practical tests for RPL, PPL, CPL and IR
- CASA Theory Exam Fees
- CASA Aviation Medical
- Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC)
- CASA Licence Issue Fees
- Aviation headset & Ipad



Pilot training isn't simply paying for flying hours.

Aircraft hire is usually the largest cost, but there are many additional expenses that students and parents need to consider when planning the total budget.

The percentages shown are illustrative only and will vary depending on the flight school, aircraft and instructor rates, number of hours flown, training pathway, and individual student progress. Some fees vary depending on the airport, flight and circumstances. Accommodation and living costs are not included.