**Licenses**

To earn the title of a Pilot in any commercial airline operations, the individuals must possess a relevant pilot’s licence, called the Airline Transport Pilot’s Licence, abbreviated as ATPL. Holding this will enable the individual to legally fly a specific family of flights. These licenses are obtained through a lot of training and then, testing of their acquired skills which is daunting on its own. What does it take to obtain these licenses? Are there any differences in their types? What would they be? These would be some of the questions aspirants would need clarity on.

**Private Pilot’s Licence**

The journey begins with the candidates’ training and to get a better understanding let us look at the Private Pilot’s Licence (PPL) which is arguably the simplest to get. The holder of such licenses would be entitled, legally, to operate any single-engine piston aircrafts. The training to obtain this license usually also includes ground studies for ground school exams, that prepare the theoretical foundations needed to fly a plane.

Once the aspirant has learned the fundamentals and has been tested theoretically, a satisfactory performance in the simulations would then grant them a test flight. Their final performance in this would then decide the status of their license. The Private Pilot’s license grants the candidate to fly any single-engine piston land aeroplanes in daylight and visual meteorological conditions. This license, however, doesn’t allow flying for hire or reward.

Getting the add-ons for a night rating and a supervised solo flight would also be just a question of additional training. Since Multi-Engine-Piston (MEP) planes are getting more and more common these days, an MEP rating can also be added as well, granting a larger fleet of aircrafts that the candidate would be legally allowed to operate. Another set of additions to supplement would be the skills for aerobatics, seaplane aircraft operation, etc. These however are not mandated to be a professional pilot.

**Commercial License**

To gain a Commercial license, another set of foundations need to be in place which call for their very own methodology of testing and pedagogy. This is similar to the PPL but has its own distinct characteristics. It would take roughly six months to learn this and then passing the bar exam shouldn’t be too daunting. There are services available that can teach you the necessary skills for a fee.

Only on completion of the following ground exams would permit the inception of, the **Commercial flight training**. Of course, a few criteria are to be met and a set number of hours are to be clocked in on pilot training. The speciality of this license is that it allows for one to freely be hired or rewarded for their flying, legally. The test for this license is conducted on single or multi engine piston land aircraft. It is to be noted that a complex aircraft like a commercial airliner also needs to be exposed to the candidate and a small amount of time should have been dedicated by them in learning the nuances of this type of vehicle as well. The test would be conducted by certified officials and only then are the candidates awarded their Commercial license and fully benefit from their training.