

Wairarapa Aero Club

Frequently asked questions

If I take a trial flight, will I get to fly?

- Yes you get to take over the controls alongside one of our experienced instructors.

How old do I have to be?

- You can take a trial flight at any age but to get your pilot's licence you need to be 16 or over.

How do I start my training?

- Arrange a trial flight with the Wairarapa Aero Club. A qualified instructor will take you through the basics and give you an overview of what is required to fly a microlight. Cost: \$80.00
- Our instructor will then join you up with the aero club and the Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand (RAANZ.)
- You'll work through stages as you learn to fly. The first milestone is going solo, Consolidate your "Solo" status by flying within 10 nautical miles of the aerodrome and also taking more advanced lessons with an instructor.
- By gradually increasing your experience, passing the required exams and clocking up a minimum of 50 hours flying you will gain your full advanced microlight licence which will enable you and a passenger to fly anywhere in NZ.
- Along the way you will get assistance to study for six exams - including, Meteorology, Navigation, Aircraft Technical Knowledge, Air Law, Flight Radio and Human Factors.
- Average Time to Solo 6-12 Hrs (\$900 to \$1800)
- Full licence (Passenger Rating) 50 Hrs (\$7500)
- Study papers for examinations are available on line from RAANZ and SAC.

What type of medical certificate is required to fly?

- For microlight/recreational aircraft, it's a pretty straightforward check from your GP. Medical Requirement Class 1 (GP Endorsement)

How much does it cost to fly with the Aero Club?

- Our aircraft are Tecnam microlights and cost \$150/hr (that includes an instructor).

Is it safe?

- Absolutely! We have an enviable safety record and the prime focus of instructors and members is on maintaining this.

What if I already have a licence?

- You will need to complete a type rating and have a current medical - then you can hire the plane through our online booking system.

Why join the Wairarapa Aero Club?

- Even if you are not planning to learn to fly, you're welcome to join the club as a social member for \$50 or \$75 if you are going to fly.
- We have two latest generation Tecnam Microlight aircraft
- We have many social events, workshops, guest speakers and a regular Friday Night Bar.
- A huge mix of members from Airline Pilots, Agricultural Pilots, Commercial Pilots and learners and members who just like talking aviation.
- Comfortable clubrooms and an outdoor swimming pool.