

ECA www.becomingapilot.eu

Checklist for selecting a flight school

Choosing the right flight school is the single most important factor in your success during flight training and finding a job. A good flight school makes the difference between dreaming about flying and actually making it happen. This short "checklist" is to help you ask the right questions when considering a flight school.



Pre-education

Do I have adequate pre-education and qualifications for entry?



Flight School

How long does the flight school exist?

How many students have graduated in the past couple of years? Does the flight school offer an integrated or a modular course? In which place / country does the training take place? Does the flight school have contacts with airlines as preferred supplier?

Does the flight school offer apprenticeships?



Flight training

What is the overall success rate for first-time flight tests?

What were the reasons for any failures?

Which type of license can be acquired (CPL,ATPL,MPL)?

Is the license EASA approved and in which countries is the license valid?

How long have the flight instructors been working for the flight school? What is their experience?

How old are the aircraft and simulators used for the flight training?



The Cost

What are the costs for the selection process?

What are the total costs of the training?

What is included in the total cost of the flight training & what not?

Can I fund the cost of living during my flight training?

Does the school offer financing options for funding the training?

What are the funding possibilities?

Is there a guarantee fund for refund if the training is discontinued? If yes, what are the exact conditions?

How long will I have to work before full repayment of the debt?



Transition to a job

Can the flight school offer help finding a job?

What job outlook does the flight school provide?

Is this outlook realistic, looking at current economic conditions?

Can you talk personally to graduated students on their experience?

Can the school present details on graduates finding a job in the past years?

Can the school present details on the graduates who did not find a job and why?