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INFORMATION PACK

Thank you for your recent enquiry about flight training. We hope that the following information will be useful. If you require more details please phone us or drop in for a chat. We are open 9.15 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or sunset), 7 days a week.

The Club:

Firecrest is a small, friendly club that offers a full range of training courses for the general aviation pilot. Since 1984 our highly experienced instructors have taken students from their first flight through to their Private Pilots Licence and beyond. Some of our ex-students are now professional pilots themselves. With your internationally recognised PPL you will be able to fly yourself and your friends anywhere in the world.

After you have qualified we offer continuation training for Night Flying, Radio Navigation, Instrument Flying (I.M.C. Rating) and Twin engine rating. Firecrest have a comfortable clubhouse with briefing rooms, refreshment facilities, and extensive flight planning information is to hand. The Aero club and a restaurant are located close by which offer drinks in pleasant surroundings, with hot and cold food during the day and evening.

During the year Firecrest arrange trips for club members to destinations within the U.K. and abroad. It is possible for student pilots to participate in these activities as well as qualified pilots.

The Staff:

Firecrest have three full-time and six part-time professional instructors who have many years experience between them. We try to keep the same student and Instructor together throughout the training as this ensures that the student will achieve the fastest progress. However if you wish to change Instructor for any reason this will be done with no fuss. All written and flight examinations are conducted at the Club with our resident CAA Examiner.

The Aircraft:

Firecrest has a fleet of Cessna training aircraft. All these high wing aircraft are fitted with intercom and basic avionics. This type of aircraft has been popular for training for the past 20 years and are renowned for their ease of handling and strength. We also have four seat aircraft that are available for advance training and touring. The Cessna 172 is a sturdy fully equipped touring aircraft that is an easy conversion from the smaller Cessna 150.

The Airfield:

Elstree Aerodrome, owned and operated by Aldenham Aviation, is the ideal field for learning to fly, being close to London and M25, M1, A41 and A1, also Elstree B.R. The airfield lies next to the A41 between Edgware and Watford

COURSES OFFERED BY FIRECREST.

Private Pilot's Licence:

45 hours minimum flight training (not less than 25 hours dual and 10 hours solo)
6 multi-choice examinations - Qualifying cross country flight - Practical Radio Telephony test and a Flying Skills Test of Navigation and aircraft General handling.

The flight training for the PPL can be done over a long period if required. Many Students have one lesson per week and the Course can be expected to be completed in just less than twelve months. The written exams can be taken at any time during the Course and in general we find that one week of evening study for each subject is sufficient to achieve a pass.

The Night Rating:

This is an addition to the PPL, which extends its privileges so that the pilot can fly after sunset.

Pre-course requirements : PPL with 50 hours total flying time, 20 of which should have been pilot in command, 10 of which must have gained since applying for a PPL.

Course consists of 5 hours flying, which includes 3 hours dual instruction at night, 5 solo take offs and landings and a night solo cross-country.

The Instrument Meteorological Conditions (I.M.C.) Rating:

Pre-course requirement: At least 25 hours logged flying time since gaining the PPL, 10 of which must be as pilot in command and 5 hours must have been cross country.

Course consists of: 15 hours flight instruction, 10 of which must be flown by sole reference to instruments, intermediate manoeuvres, instrument approaches and holds, 20 hours Ground instruction plus a written examination and flight test.

The First Step:

Try your hand at flying an aircraft with a Trial Flying Lesson available as an attractive gift voucher from us.

The **Standard lesson** is of one hours duration and consists of a pre-flight briefing about the controls and instruments in the aircraft. You will then go to the aircraft in which you will assist with start up, taxiing and take off for the 30-minute flight. You will also have 'hands on' control for most of the flight. This memorable flight costs only £73. If you would like to share the lesson with a friend or relative you need only pay an additional £10.

The **First PPL lesson** lasts for two approximately hours. You will be given a full training briefing about basic flying manoeuvres followed by a one hour flight out into the local training area, again you will do most of the flying. After the flight you can have a debrief and discuss your flight with your Instructor. This lesson is available for £110. You can bring along a friend or relative, *with the camera*, to share the briefing and flight with you for an additional £15

Private Pilots Licence requirements

Age There is no minimum or maximum age limit, but one must be 16 years of age before flying solo.

Fitness A medical examination must be passed before flying solo, however, this is no stricter than the average health insurance examination. Glasses or contact lenses may be worn, and even loss of one eye or colour blindness can accepted.

Educational Requirements: A certain amount of home study is required as there are 6 ground exams to be passed. These are not highly technical, but if required, Ground School classes can be given by any of our Instructors.

The Licence Privileges: It enables one to fly any British registered aircraft anywhere in the World provided it weighs less than 5700kg. Initially this means a single-engine aircraft but multi-engine aircraft can be flown after approximately 6 hours further training.

Equipment Some books, a chart and some basic navigational equipment is all that is necessary during the Course. Headsets are supplied free of charge during training and can be hired after qualifying. If required you can purchase one of a wide selection of headsets at competitive prices in addition to other flight equipment from our well stocked shop.

If there are any questions we have not answered here, give us ring or pop in for a chat and we will do what we can to assist you.