



SINGLE ENGINE TRAINING RATES & COST ESTIMATE

DA40 XLT

Discovery Flight: \$200 with an Instructor (45 minute flight time, 1 hour instruction)

Aircraft rental (normal rates):

\$240 per hour, when paying by the hour

\$225 per hour block rate, "Gold Package" with a down payment of \$1,000

\$210 per hour block rate, "Platinum Package" with a down payment of \$2,000

\$195 per hour block rate for "FAA rating Package" with down payment of \$3,000

Instructor rate:

\$65 per hour for flight instruction

\$65 per hour for ground instruction

\$75 per hour in owner aircraft not in DFCT leaseback

Gold, Platinum, or FAA package down payment must be paid in advance of training. We encourage check, electronic transfer (wire, ACH, or Zelle), cash and accept credit cards. All credit card transactions will be subject to an administrative convenience fee.*

Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot, and Instrument FAA Rating packages: \$3,000 paid up front on or before the first day of training. Commercial Single Engine add on package will be tailored individually at the lower rate if combined with a ME commercial engine package.

Aircraft hours are billed at the lowest rate of \$195 per hour. Any additional instructional hours that might be needed are billed at these preferred rates. This assumes all Commercial rating FAA/FAR requirements for flight time and type are completed prior.

All funds in student accounts that are deposited to attain a discounted rate are Non-Refundable. Unused funds can be transferred or used for other aircraft or simulator.

\$500 deposit is required within 3 business days of scheduling a check ride to secure that training and test date. Otherwise, the training slot will be forfeited to another customer.

DPE fee is \$700 cash, paid directly to the examiner on the test date.

The above prices are for training done in Arlington, Texas. For training done at the customer's desired location, requiring the instructor to be off-station, all instructor expenses (hotel, rental car) will be paid by the customer, and an instructor pilot day rate will be charged instead of the normal hourly rate for flight or ground instruction.

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Expense estimate:

Hotel \$100 - \$125 Holiday Inn Express/Hampton Inn equivalent (per night)

Car \$25 – 35 Compact/economy car rental (per day)

Customer has the option to pay these items directly, or instructor can pay them and invoice customer for the costs. Receipts will be provided for all expenses.

Aircraft ferry expenses: (If training not done in Arlington)

\$175 per hour empty leg ferry fee for getting the plane to/from customer's location. If the customer/student is riding along in the plane and receiving instruction and/or logging flight time, the normal aircraft and instructor rate &/or pilot day rate (if applies) will be charged.

Instructor Pilot Day Rate:

\$600 per day, up to a maximum of \$2,500

This is charged in lieu of the normal hourly instructor rate.

Note: Insurance requires 5 hours min training for checkout &/or 25 hours in DA40 with at least 5 in last year, renter's insurance is required to cover DFCT \$5,000 deductible & loss of revenue.

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Initial Private Pilot Rating considerations and package:

FAA Requirements to Obtain a Private Pilot Certificate (Summary)

1. Be at least 17 years of age
2. Be able to read, write, and converse fluently in English
3. Obtain at least a third-class FAA medical certificate or Basic Med
4. Receive and log ground training from an authorized instructor or complete home-study course
5. Pass a knowledge test with a score of 70% or better.
6. Accumulate appropriate flight experience
7. Receive a total of 40 hours of flight instruction and solo (10 hours of 40) flight time and demonstrated skills in accordance with FAA Private Pilot – Airplane Airman Certification Standards https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acs/
8. Successfully complete a practical (flight) test given as a final exam by an FAA inspector or designated pilot examiner and conducted as specified in the FAA's Private Pilot Practical Test Standards

Private Pilot Test Preparation (home-study course):

For academic preparation for your Private Pilot Written test we recommend the King School on-line curriculum. The written test is typically the most significant challenge for most students to get accomplished in a timely manner prior to their practical/Flight Test. If you mention our flight school name "Diamond Flight Center of Texas" in ordering your ground school from King School you will receive the appropriate King Online Flight Test course for free (\$139.00 value) with the purchase of a Ground School and Test Prep course (\$279.00). - <https://www.kingschools.com/>

– Call King School and Mention DFCT for your free Test course: 800-854-1001



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DFCT Private Pilot Package Estimate:

While 40 hours (30 hours with flight instructor, 10 hours solo) is the minimum required by the FAA for a private pilot license, 55 flight hours is the actual national average. A ground school course can considerably reduce the amount of needed one-on-one ground instruction with our certified flight instructors. Given these considerations, DFCT estimates your Private Pilot Training will cost the following all based on our Platinum best rate package prices in page 1:

- 37 Flight Hours = \$7,215
- 3 FRASCA AATD Simulator Hours = \$285
- 30 hours Flight Instruction and 20 Hours Ground Instruction = \$3,250 (Assumes ground school course such as King's course is accomplished via self-study on-line)
- Practical Test = \$700 paid directly to DPE
- Academic Materials, FAA Written Test and personal items additional cost
- **Total estimate = \$11,450**

Note: Many flight schools will advertise prices based on lowest flight hours and no ground training yet once training occurs the cost will be higher.

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