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Student Onboarding

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STUDENT AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

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Section 1:

For Students

Training with Merlin Flight Training is the beginning of your journey to become among the ranks of pilots and professional pilots around the world. Each milestone in the training program is passed on merit. Hard work and dedication pave the way to success in flight training. Merely showing up is not enough, and taking shortcuts hurts you, the student.

Information in the following sections will assist students in preparing for training and being successful at Merlin Flight Training. Take time to review each topic and ask questions about anything unclear.

Before the Program Begins

Planning and success in the Merlin Flight Training program begins before the first day of training. This section describes the process and items needed for flight training. Contact Merlin Flight Training with any questions.

Required Documents

Students are responsible for maintaining current, valid documents as required by the FAA and TSA. The first/middle/last name on all documents must match exactly. Any changes to current certificates or eligibility for future certificates should be reported to Merlin Flight Training immediately.

Verification of Citizenship

Before training begins, Merlin Flight Training must verify citizenship with an unexpired Passport or Birth Certificate and valid government-issued photo ID. Throughout training and while exercising certificate privileges, students only need a valid photo ID.

Medical Certificates

Students must obtain at least a Third-Class Medical Certificate as required by the Private Pilot Solo Requirements. Certificate holders are responsible for the conditions of issue. If students plan on working towards a career as a pilot, they are highly recommended to apply for a First-Class Medical Certificate to know if they are qualified. Medical certificates are issued by an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). Please refer to FAA.gov to find an AME in your local area to schedule an appointment.

Note: Student Sport Pilot's are not required to receive a Third-Class Medical Certificate. They will only need a valid Drivers License.

Private Pilot Certificate

Students starting Instrument or Commercial training must hold a valid Private Pilot Certificate.

Training Equipment

Students are responsible for acquiring and maintaining the personal equipment listed below. Merlin Flight Training has requirements related to some of the training equipment. Other options are determined by personal preference.

Merlin Flight Training Starter Bundle

Merlin Flight Training will send relevant training materials to students before the program begins.

Pilot Logbook

Training entries are recorded in the pilot logbook then verified and signed by the endorsing instructor. Accuracy and tidiness are the student's responsibility. The pilot logbook is the official record of training required by the FAA. A student's logbook cannot be replicated and should be guarded carefully. Every lesson completed should be logged and signed in the logbook with **blue or black** ink.

Aviation Headset

A headset for fixed-wing aircraft (dual male plugs) is required. Models range from \$300-\$1200, depending on options.

Mobile Smartphone

A mobile phone with SMS/text messaging and voicemail is required to receive timely communications from Merlin Flight Training.

iPad (WiFi + Cellular)

An iPad capable of operating with the latest major iOS updated is used for training. Size options depend on personal preference. Cellular capabilities are only required on aircraft that do not have ADSB-in but its highly recommended to have.

ForeFlight App

Foreflight is the navigation application used by Merlin Flight Training students and instructors.

Kneeboard

Used to organize items in the cockpit (including iPad).

Sectional Charts

Charts for areas surrounding the selected training center (paper charts are required only for private pilot training).

View Limiting Device

Device for simulated instrument training. Required for private pilot, instrument and commercial pilot experience.

Flashlight

Light with red lens for night flights.

Availability & Flexibility

Flight training requires a significant financial and personal investment worthy of a full time commitment. While not all students are available seven days a week. We try to build the schedule to maximize students' return on investment and keep student on schedule with projected completion dates, weekend time commitments for flying will likely be required. The difference between flying once a week and three times a week, is that the student will complete the program three times faster.

Success in Flight Training requires flexibility and adaptability. There may be delays due to maintenance, weather, and other factors outside of Merlin Flight Trainings

control. Students are expected to be present at the training center and adaptable to schedule changes.