



# TRAINING PROSPECTUS







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## ABOUT US

Helicentre Aviation has been training and supplying professional pilots to industry for more than two decades. As a leading Academy and Air Operator, we are committed to excellence in our standards. This commitment facilitates remarkable job opportunities for newly qualified pilots, while furnishing quality personnel to operators, so that the global crew supply chain onshore and offshore, is maintained.

Presently, we operate a fleet of 17 company-owned helicopters and maintain two distinguished centres of excellence with state of the art facilities located in Leicester and Oxford. We are partnered with leading global offshore operator Bristow Helicopters, which includes collaboration with UK Search and Rescue (SAR) operations.

At the helm of Helicentre Aviation, our senior team comprises of seasoned professionals with a high level of expertise in ab-initio training within the rotary sector. These individuals undertake specific roles, integral to the company's CAA approvals, therefore fortifying the business with unparalleled expertise and competence.





## PHASE ONE PILOT SELECTION



Book a Pilot Selection Day which includes up to two hours of flying logged in your log book, assessments and a 1-2-1 careers chat.

## PHASE TWO

After completing a Pilot Selection Day, you will be offered an enrolment letter on to either an Integrated or Modular pathway.

### INTEGRATED



### MODULAR

## PHASE THREE AB-INITIO TRAINING

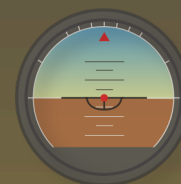


After you enrol you will be working towards a PPL(H) or CPL(H) which qualifies you to fly a helicopter unsupervised.

## PHASE FOUR

After obtaining your CPL(H), optionally train for an Instrument Rating or FI(H) to enhance your career opportunities.

### ADVANCED TRAINING



## PHASE FIVE EMPLOYMENT



Now you're ready to be a First Officer in a multi-crew role, or an onshore Captain. The choice is yours!

# TRAINING PATHWAYS

We offer two routes that enable you to obtain your commercial helicopter pilot licence. Choose from an integrated or modular pathway. Our Integrated CPL(H) is a full-time training programme taking you through to CPL(H) in one continuous course. The modular pathway is segmented to work around your schedule. Modular training offers you flexibility to complete your PPL(H) in your own time, spreading the cost of training, whether you wish to progress to CPL(H) or simply fly recreationally. Once you obtain a CPL(H) you can train for an Instrument Rating for direct employment into multi-crew operations, or become a Flight Instructor to enhance your career opportunities.





## ***PILOT SELECTION***

The first step in pursuing your career as a helicopter pilot is your Pilot Selection Day! You will go through a series of assessments to test your mental maths skills, general aptitude, and natural flying ability. These assessments are designed to see how you will respond to the challenging but rewarding trials of becoming a helicopter pilot.

You will meet the team, have a tour of the facilities and aircraft, and get a feel for the environment you could be studying in to achieve your dream career. You will also receive your logbook, where with the help of an instructor you can log your first hour with us! There is no experience required for your selection day, only a desire to learn!



## **Course**

### **Prerequisite**

- Minimum age 18+
- Class One Flight Crew Medical
- ICAO Level 5 English
- Pass a Pilot Selection Day

### **UK CAA Approved**

Since 2019 we've been providing the Integrated CPL(H) pathway, setting the standard for graduates entering the industry straight from training. Highly regarded by industry leaders such as Bristow Group, including UK Search and Rescue and other offshore and onshore operators.

# **INTEGRATED TRAINING**

The Integrated CPL(H) (with ATPL(H)/IR theory) is a full-time programme delivered at any one of our training facilities. It has been designed for students wishing to obtain their commercial pilot licence (helicopter) on an intensive basis. This is the fastest and most cost-effective way to obtain a CPL(H) in the UK, requiring a high level of commitment and self-discipline.

No experience is necessary to apply, and you train straight through to commercial pilot without the need to gain a private pilot licence first, graduating with 135 hours, based on CAA minimums.



## Course

### Prerequisite

- Minimum age 17+ for licence
- Class One Flight Crew Medical
- ICAO Level 5 English
- Pass a Pilot Selection Day

### Structure

- PPL(H) course
- CPL or ATPL theory
- Hour building
- CPL(H) course



# MODULAR TRAINING

An alternative to our Integrated CPL(H) training programme is our Modular CPL(H) programme. Offered and curated to fit around your commitments this course helps you obtain a CPL(H) but on an ad-hoc basis. It gives you, the student, flexibility to choose when you want to study and build your flying hours. It's a great solution for those who are comfortable with distance learning.

The following pages contain all the elements that make up the modular course to CPL(H) and beyond



### *Course Prerequisite*

- Class Two Flight Crew Medical
- ICAO Level 5 English

No previous experience necessary!

### *Choose your Aircraft*

At Helicentre Aviation we can offer you a choice of aircraft for you to train in, to obtain your Private Pilot Licence:

- Guimbal Cabri G2 or,
- Robinson R44

## *PPL(H)*

Learning to fly helicopters is the world's best kept secret! The Private Pilots Licence, or PPL(H), grants you a licence to fly recreationally, but not for hire or reward (so you can take your friends and family flying as long as you're not getting paid to fly). It can also be the first step towards a professional licence, allowing you to work towards your modular CPL(H) if you so desire.

Obtaining your PPL(H) with Helicentre Aviation also means you are eligible to apply for our Commercial Pilot Scholarship, providing the successful applicant with full-funding for the commercial course up to the point you qualify as a professional pilot.



## **Residential**

Give yourself the best chance of achieving the best results you can. Our expert TKIs will guide you through full-time training in the classroom.

## **Distance Learning**

If you are training around work or family commitments, we provide a solution that fits around you. With a computer-based distance learning course, reinforced by classroom consolidation days.



# **ATPL(H)/IR THEORY**

Once you've completed your private licence, the next step to achieving your commercial licence is passing 13 ATPL(H)/IR theoretical knowledge examinations. Usually done alongside your hour building, you are now delving deeper into the subjects you learnt about during your PPL(H) Theory. This course dramatically widens your knowledge of all the areas that affect you as a pilot, such as meteorology, aircraft general knowledge, and principles of flight, resulting in you becoming a far more competent pilot, and importantly, ready for the commercial environment.



### ***Why Hour Build?***

To be eligible to commence a modular CPL(H) course you need to meet certain experience requirements. In other words, have logged sufficient flight time. This also applies to courses like the flight instructor certificate. As well as being necessary, it provides valuable experience.

### ***Hour Building Ideas***

When hour building you can plan a variety of trips including:

- London Heli Lanes
- Isle of Wight
- Ireland
- Scotland
- France

# ***HOUR BUILDING***

Structured hour building is the number one way for you develop both your skills as a helicopter pilot and your confidence. We offer hour building on a pay as your fly, 10 or 20 hour packages giving you the flexibility to choose when you want to come and fly and log those all important hours towards your CPL(H).

We offer both instructional flying, where you're accompanied by one of our highly trained and experienced instructors, or self-fly hire, giving you the freedom to get up in the air.



## Course

### Prerequisites

- Minimum age 18+
- Class One Flight Crew Medical
- Hold an ICAO PPL(H)
- CPL(H) or ATPL(H)/IR TK exams
- 155 hours of logged hours

### Required Experience

To commence the modular CPL(H) flying course, you must have logged a minimum of 155 flying hours.

Holders of a PPL(A) or CPL(A) are eligible for credits towards the total flying hours required.



# MODULAR CPL(H)

A Commercial Pilot Licence empowers you to turn your passion for flying into an incredible profession whilst showcasing your ability to operate helicopters at an exceptional level. Our comprehensive course goes beyond basic flight skills, transforming you into a proficient and capable professional pilot. You'll learn to operate helicopters with precision and professionalism, honing your expertise.

Moreover, the programme includes an exhilarating night qualification, adding to the depth of your training experience.

Prepare to embark on one of the most dynamic and rewarding journeys in your aviation career!



## Course Prerequisites

Guimbal Cabri G2 and Robinson R44:

- Hold a UK CAA PPL(H) or CPL(H)
- Class Two Flight Crew Medical
- 70 hours of PIC (AW109 only)

## Our Helicopters

Our 17 company owned helicopters are manufactured by the following companies:



# TYPE RATINGS

Once you've learnt to fly, why not get qualified in more than just one type of helicopter? We are UK CAA Approved to offer type rating courses in the Guimbal Cabri G2, the Robinson R44 and the multi-engine Leonardo AW109 helicopter. Add these to your current private or commercial licence. Enabling you to broaden your skills and to different flying experiences.

The Cabri G2 and R44 type ratings are available at both our Leicester and Oxford training centres. The AW109 type rating training is undertaken at our Oxford facility.



## ***Course***

### ***Prerequisites***

- Hold a CPL(H)
- Class One Flight Crew Medical
- 70 hours PIC
- CPL(H)/IR or ATPL(H)/IR exams

### ***State-of-the-art***

Housed at our London Oxford Airport training facility, is our immersive state-of-the-art Leonardo AW109 training simulator. This equips trainee pilots with the necessary skills to fly on instruments as part of their IR Course.



# ***INSTRUMENT RATING***

The Multi-Engine Instrument Rating is an intensive full-time course, delivered at our London Oxford Airport facility. It is designed for pilots who wish to advance their careers into multi-crew roles such as offshore energy, Search and Rescue, HEMS, and other positions requiring an instrument rating.

Training is delivered in the sim and the AW109. Applicants do not require a type rating prior to starting the course as it is included in the training package. Pilots with an existing type rating, fixed-wing IR, or non-UK IR(H) may be eligible for an abridged training course.



**Captain Ross Brothers - FI(H) Scholarship Winner 2022**

### ***Course Prerequisites***

- Minimum age 18
- Hold a CPL(H) with 100hrs PIC
- Or hold a PPL(H) with 200hrs PIC
- CPL(H) or ATPL(H) theory exams
- Class One or Two Flight Crew Medical

### ***Choose your Aircraft***

At Helicentre Aviation we can offer you a choice of aircraft for you to train in for your Flight Instructor certificate:

- Guimbal Cabri G2 or,
- Robinson R44

# ***FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR COURSE***

Being a Flight Instructor is incredibly rewarding, and the work you will do is both fulfilling and exciting every day. The diverse range of training you deliver on a day-to-day basis is a way to both build experience and develop your flying skills as you teach students to fly.

As a newly qualified Commercial Pilot, the Flight Instructor Certificate is a brilliant addition to your licence and provides a highly successful and proven route to a full-time flying career, and with the Academy investing in multiple scholarships every year for graduates of our CPL(H) courses, this route provides incredible career prospects.



## 100% Employment Rate

All graduates of our instrument rating and flight instructor courses have transitioned into full-time flying roles straight out of training. We are proud of our 100% employment rate, and relationships with industry operators giving our students with fantastic opportunities.

## PARTNERED WITH



# CAREERS

As the UK's leading helicopter pilot training academy, we have a proven track record with our graduates working all around the world. With career pathways offering direct entry to offshore energy, search and rescue, flight instruction, and with routes into police, air ambulance, utility, tourism and the corporate sector, our graduates are flying high!

We're proud to be partnered with Bristow as their provider of choice for beginner cadet courses. A high number of our commercial graduates have been awarded sponsorships for either IR or FI courses from Bristow or ourselves.



Will and Sam - CPL(H) Scholarship winner's 2020

## **Over £1.2m Awarded**

Since our scholarship programme launched in 2012, we have awarded over £1.2m of funded training to support the next generation of helicopter pilots. From full CPL(H) scholarships, to sponsorships of the Flight Instructor Certificate, fast-tracking our students in to great careers.

## **Eligibility**

Applications for our CPL(H) scholarship take part in a rigorous selection process held each August. To be eligible, applicants must have completed the PPL(H) by the end of July. The award is a fully-funded training course which does not need to be repaid!

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Since 2012, we have supported entry into the helicopter industry by awarding selected students life-changing scholarships to help them achieve their dream of becoming a professional helicopter pilot. From funding their journey as a flight instructor to teach and mentor the future pilots of our industries. To fully funding modular PPL(H) students to achieve their commercial helicopter licence.

Each year, we award over £100,000 worth of training. This continues to add to the total of investment we have made into pilot training since 2012 which, to date is over £1.2m.



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