



Pilot

As an airline pilot you will begin your career as a second or first officer. Promotion is achieved after a set number of flight hours. After 1500 hours your ATPL (airline transport pilot licence) is unfrozen. A captain would be expected to have achieved 3000 hours minimum for command on short haul routes (3 hours or less). Long haul captains require at least 5000 flying hours.

What do they do?

An airline pilot will carry passengers and their luggage to a specific destination. Cargo pilots will fly aircraft specifically modified to only transport cargo.

Summary:

Pilots are responsible for ensuring the safe transit of their aircraft, passengers and cargo.



Do I need to go to College?



[Bolton Sixth Form College](#)

[Thornleigh Salesian College](#)

[Turton Sixth Form College](#)

[Runshaw College](#)

College courses:

Many full time training courses require A-levels and airlines would look favourably upon this. Licences needed are:

PPL (private pilots licence).

CPL (commercial pilots licence).

ATPL (airline transport pilots licence).

Self funded courses are here:

www.fta-global.com/how-to-be-come-a-pilot

www.academyaviation.co.uk/uk-caa-pilot-training/

Local providers of the PPL are here:

www.lancaeroclub.co.uk

www.liverpool-flight-training.com/landingpage

ravenair.co.uk/flighttraining/

How do I get into College?

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English and Maths) is required.

A-level Maths and Physics are

preferred so at least a grade 6 in these two subjects is required.

You also need a good level of fitness.

www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/pilot-licences/aeroplanes/airline-transport-pilot-licence-for-aeroplanes/

Can I get work experience?

www.friendsofbar-tonaerodrome.org.uk/how-to-contact-us/

www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/

The air cadets will offer flying experience and accreditation. The experience will help if applying for sponsorship:

www.airpilots.org/scholarships/flying-scholarships-2023/

Sponsorship



Sponsorship schemes are highly competitive due to the cost of training. Ensure you have good grades and flight experience to support your application:

careersuk.virgin-atlantic.com/future-flyers-pilot-training-programme

careers.tuigroup.com/uk/pilot-cadet-programme/

careers.ba.com/future-pilots

careers.easyjet.com/pilots/thinking-of-becoming-a-pilot/

careers.ryanair.com/cadets/