

Frequently asked questions

Admissions

1. What is the admission process?

You can submit an [online application](#) at any time from your home country. If you meet the Emirates Flight Training Academy eligibility criteria, you will be invited to complete an online pre-screening process. Successful applicants will then be invited to attend the final assessment stage in Dubai. If successful, you will be contacted by one of the Selection team and advised on a timeframe of the course dates, subject to availability at that time. In case of any delays by either party, your file will remain valid for 12 months.

2. What is the application process?

The application is on our [website](#). You'll be asked to create a candidate profile. This lets you save each step of your application. Our admissions team will review your application at every step and will either:

- Approve your application: This means you can move on to the next phase of the admission process.
- Ask for more information: The team may ask you for clarification or to provide more details about the documents you uploaded.
- Notify you by email if you won't be proceeding to the next phase of the admission process.

3. What documents do I need for the online application?

You will be asked to upload clear colour copies of the following documents:

- Passport copy, valid for more than 6 months
- Passport photo
- High School Certificates (high school up to Grade 12 or equivalent) with passes in English, Maths and Physics

4. What does the assessment process involve?

If you meet the criteria in the online application, you'll be invited to attend the assessment process at Emirates Flight Training Academy in Dubai. The Emirates Flight Training Academy assessment is scheduled over four working days and consists of the following steps:

- **Day 1** Physics, maths and psychometric testing
- **Day 2** Compass test and interview
- **Day 3** English language proficiency check and the General Civil Aviation Authority Medical examinations
- **Day 4** Emirates Medical examination

5. Do I need to travel to Dubai for the assessments?

Yes, the assessment is conducted in person at Emirates Flight Training Academy in Dubai.

6. Do I have to arrange for my own travel and accommodation?

Yes, you will need to make your own travel and accommodation arrangements at your own cost once your assessment is scheduled with Emirates Flight Training Academy.

7. Can I apply for a class only?

We provide Airline Transport Pilot Licence training only and not standalone classes.

8. How can I follow up with my application status?

You will receive your application status update in an email after each phase of the process.

9. If I am unsuccessful during the assessment, will any of the paid fees be reimbursed?

The paid assessment fee is non-refundable.

10. Will Emirates Flight Training Academy assist me with the visa to attend the assessment?

No, applicants are responsible for obtaining their own visa to attend the assessment.

11. How can I pay for the assessment fees?

You can pay conveniently and securely online through the application portal.

12. In which currency should I pay the assessment fees?

Assessment fees are charged in UAE dirhams.

Requirements

13. What are the requirements to become an Emirates Flight Training Academy cadet?

- You must be between 17 and 26 years old.
- You need to be at least 160cm in height and medically fit.
- You must have completed secondary education (high school up to Grade 12 or equivalent) with passes in English, Maths and Physics
- Your English language proficiency must meet or exceed TOEFL 510 with good command of written and spoken English.
- International applicants: You have to be eligible for a UAE student visa and should be able to sponsor your training.
- UAE national applicants: You should hold a valid UAE passport, Khulasat Al Qaid and must have completed the military service (exemption letter is acceptable for the only son).

14. Do you accept IELTS or TOEFL?

Yes, we accept either. The minimum required score is 510 for TOEFL and 5.5 per element for IELTS. All the required documents must be submitted prior to the course commencement date.

15. Will credits earned while studying at another flight training academy or flying hours earned while holding a private pilot licence (PPL) be considered at Emirates Flight Training Academy?

The Integrated ATPL course is designed for ab-initio students, with no prior flight experience. No credits for previous experience will be considered at Emirates Flight Training Academy, therefore all students are required to complete the course in full no matter what their background is.

16. I hold a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL). Does this give me any credit towards my flying hours?

No, no credits for previous experience or training will be considered at Emirates Flight Training Academy.

17. I have a valid class 1 medical from the CAA / FAA. Am I still required to do the GCAA medical again in Dubai?

Yes, to comply with local regulations, you will need to undergo the GCAA medical examinations.

The Programme

18. How long is the course?

The Emirates Flight Training Academy ATPL course duration is 104 weeks and is divided into a theoretical knowledge course and practical flying.

19. What does the training entail?

The training consists of the following programmes:

- Airline Transport Pilot Licence Integrated Programme, which consists of ATPL ground school, single-engine flight training, multi-engine flight training, Jet Orientation Course and MCC
- Single-engine training including classroom instruction, simulator training and on-aircraft training on the Cirrus SR 22 G6
- Multi-engine training including classroom instruction, simulator training and on-aircraft training on DA42 Diamond
- Jet Orientation (JOC) on the Embraer P100EV Phenom Very Light Jet aircraft
- Multi-crew cooperation training, including classroom instruction and simulator training, where you will learn how to operate in a multi-crew flight deck environment.

20. When will the assessment start?

You will have access to the assessment dates once your application has been approved in the admission portal.

21. Is the training full-time or part-time?

The Emirates Flight Training Academy ATPL training is a full-time course. The training is conducted daily from Monday to Thursday 08:00 – 16:00 and on Friday 07:30 – 16:10 (local UAE time).

22. Is the International Cadets Programme the same as the course for UAE nationals?

International cadets undergo the exact same training as UAE nationals.

23. What aircraft types are used for the training?

For the single-engine training, students will use the Cirrus SR22 G6 aircraft, the multi-engine training will be with the Diamond DA 42 and the JOC will be on the Embraer P100EV.

Finance

24. What are the course fees?

The training fee is USD 181,650 including 5% VAT.

25. Does Emirates Flight Training Academy provide scholarships?

The training is self-sponsored. We don't offer scholarships or financial programmes.

26. Is the course free for UAE nationals?

UAE nationals are sponsored by Emirates in a bonded scheme as part of the UAE National Cadet Pilot Programme.

27. Are Emirates employees entitled to a discount?

Emirates employees are welcome to apply, however international applicants will still be on a self-sponsored basis.

28. In which currency should I pay the training fees?

Training fees are charged in US dollars.

29. What does the training fee include?

The training fee includes the full training programme, training materials, student visa, accommodation, uniform and three daily meals for the entire training period. The fee excludes medical insurance. Details of the inclusions are stated in the training contract that you will need to sign on admission.

30. Will Emirates Flight Training Academy sponsor my visa if I am selected?

Yes, we will sponsor your student visa for the entire training period.

31. I have my own accommodation, will the accommodation fee be deducted?

Cadets are required to live at the Academy for the duration of their training, therefore the package includes the accommodation fees.

Certification

32. What type of pilot licence will I have when I graduate?

Once you complete the training, you will obtain an Airline Transport Pilot Licence ground course completion certificate and Multi Crew Cooperation (MCC) course completion certificate from Emirates Flight Training Academy, and a Commercial Pilot Licence with Multi Instrument Rating (CPL/Multi IR) approved by the General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE.

33. Does this certification count as a degree?

The licence is not associated with a degree and is a standalone flying licence.

Employment after Emirates Flight Training Academy

34. Will I be guaranteed employment with Emirates or flydubai after graduation?

While your training at Emirates Flight Training Academy gives you an advantage, we don't offer guaranteed employment should you decide to apply as a pilot with Emirates or flydubai.

Facilities

35. Can I have a tour of the academy?

You're welcome to visit our state-of-the-art facility to ask questions and have a tour. We operate tours on Monday and Wednesday of each week at 11:00am. Please email us to make an appointment: InternationalSelection@emirates.com

36. What is included in the accommodation?

You will have your own 36-square meter studio apartment with a comfortable living area, kitchenette, en-suite walk-in shower, closet space, double bed and a study station with a desk. Amenities include electricity, water, air conditioning, wireless internet and a 49-inch LCD TV. Security is available 24/7.

37. Is it mandatory to live in the accommodation?

Yes, it is mandatory to live at the Academy for the duration of your training, however, you can leave for the weekend or when you need to attend to an emergency. You can leave on Friday afternoon after classes (16:10) and are expected back on Sunday evening by 23:00 (curfew).

38. Is there separate accommodation for men and women?

Yes, women and men are housed on separate floors.

39. Are meals provided?

Yes, all meals are provided throughout the duration of your training.

40. What other facilities are available at Emirates Flight Training Academy?

The facilities include an aviation medical clinic, state-of-the-art teaching facilities, recreation hall, dining hall, mini-mart, Costa coffee shop, merchandise shop, fitness centre, and a swimming pool.

41. Are guests allowed in the accommodation?

Guests are welcome in the public areas of Emirates Flight Training Academy (the main atrium, cadet lounge, dining hall, and Costa coffee) between the hours of 07:00 and 19:00. Guests are not allowed in the residence halls.

Careers

42. How can I apply for a career at Emirates Flight Training Academy?

Please visit www.emiratesgroupcareers.com to view and apply for the available positions.