

Step-by-Step Guide to the *Airline Cockpit.*

The complete route to a Commercial Pilot Licence in India, on 7 visual pages: medicals, computer number, ground school, the 6 DGCA papers, flight training, and what every stage costs.

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The Route, At a Glance

COLOUR CODE

Paperwork

Medical

Study

Flying

Career

1

10+2 with Physics & Maths

Mandatory for a CPL. Missed them? Clear both through NIOS.

School / NIOS

2

DGCA Medicals: Class 2, then Class 1

Class 2 first, before you spend on training. Class 1 comes before your CPL is issued.

₹5k–10k + ₹10k–20k

3

Computer Number

Your exam ID from the eGCA portal. File while you study.

Free

2–3 weeks

4

Ground School + DGCA Papers

70% to pass each. 6 papers flying in India, 4 main papers if you train abroad.

3–9 months

5

Flight Training · Minimum 200 Hours

DGCA minimum flight hours, incl. 100 hrs as pilot-in-command. India or abroad.

₹55L–75L

12–14 months

6

CPL Issued

Papers + hours + Class 1 + RTR & FRTOL licences. Apply on eGCA. Min age 18.

₹10k–15k

7

Airline-Ready

Multi-engine, type rating (A320/B737), then airline selection.

₹18L–26L

Inside the 200 Flying Hours

DGCA minimums · from Step 6

100 HRS

Pilot-in-Command (PIC)

50 HRS

Cross-country PIC

40 HRS

Instrument, min 20 on aircraft

5 HRS

Night PIC, 10 take-offs & landings

25 HRS

Multi: 15 hrs aircraft + 10 hrs simulator

18

Minimum age for a CPL

4/6

DGCA papers, abroad or in India

200

Flying hours minimum

15–18

Months, start to CPL

| The 6 DGCA Subjects

CARD COLOUR = DIFFICULTY

Toughest

Moderate

Easier

Air Navigation

01

Flight planning, charts, fuel and radio navigation. Heavy maths, tight time.

Give it the most prep time.

Technical General

02

Engines, electrics, hydraulics, aerodynamics. Broad syllabus, lots of recall.

Pairs well with a structured course.

Aviation Meteorology

03

Weather systems and how they shape flight planning. Very scoring.

A good first paper.

Air Regulations

04

ICAO and DGCA rules: licensing, airspace, your rights and duties.

Often attempted alongside Met.

Technical Specific

05

Systems of the aircraft you train on. Short, builds on Tech General.

Write it soon after Tech General.

RTR(A)

06

Your radio licence: written paper plus a practical transmission test and viva.

The viva needs real practice.

Planning to Train Abroad? You'll Need 4 Main Papers

01 Air Navigation

02 Aviation Meteorology

03 Air Regulations

04 RTR(A)

These are what your licence conversion rests on. Smart move: clear them before you leave India, so your time abroad is spent flying, not studying.

Heading Into an Airline Cadet Program?

Same papers, higher bar. Selection adds aptitude tests and airline interviews on top of your scores, so treat these papers as your first airline assessment.

| Exams: Pattern, Fees & Strategy

70%

Passing mark in every subject

5 yrs

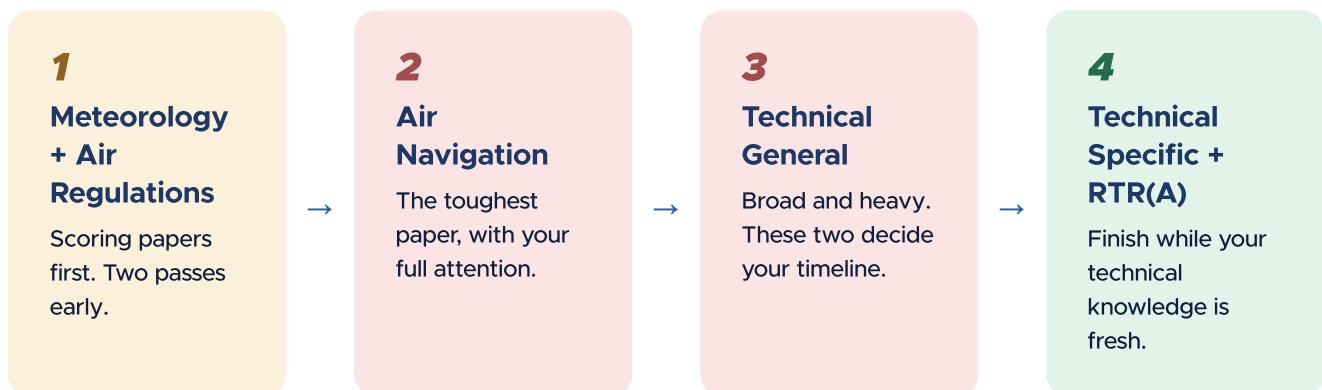
Each exam stays valid

MCQ

Computer-based, DGCA centres

	HOW OFTEN	FEE PER SUBJECT	BEST FOR
Regular session	4 times a year	₹2,500	Planned attempts on a budget
On-demand session	Almost every month	₹5,000	Saving months between papers

An Attempt Order That Works



The 80% Habit

First-attempt passers share one habit: weekly mocks under exam timing, and no exam booked until mocks sit above 80%. The pass mark is 70%; prepare to 85%.

80% of ThePilot.in Students Clear on the First Attempt

Structured classes, weekly mocks, instructors who've sat these exams. Online batches pan-India, classroom in Mumbai.

Medicals & Your Computer Number

Three things to complete simultaneously with ground classes. Queue them one after another and you lose 2–3 months.

	WHAT IT IS	COST	RENEWED	WHEN
Class 2 Medical	Entry medical with a DGCA-empanelled examiner	₹5k–10k	Every 2 years	First, before you spend on training
Computer Number	Your exam ID from the eGCA / Pariksha portal	Free	One-time, 2–3 weeks	File while ground classes run
Class 1 Medical	Airline-grade medical: 6/6 correctable vision, colour vision, full fitness	₹10k–20k	Every year	Before CPL issue

Documents to Keep Scanned & Ready



Class 10 + 12
marksheet



Board verification



NIOS certificates, if
used



Photo ID + address
proof



Photographs, eGCA
specs



Date-of-birth proof

The #1 Cause of Computer Number Delays

Mismatched spellings between documents. Fix every discrepancy before you file, not during. Board verification is the slowest step, so apply for it early.

A Failed Medical Isn't Always the End

No fixed BMI cutoff, glasses are allowed, and a review by the Medical Board is possible. Get the Class 2 done early so you know exactly where you stand.

| What It Costs & How Long It Takes

Honest market ranges, because you'll plan loans and family conversations around them.

STAGE	TYPICAL COST	NOTES
Class 2 Medical	₹5k–10k	Valid 2 years
Computer number	Free	2–3 weeks
Ground school (all 6 subjects)	₹1.5L–3.5L	3–9 months
DGCA exam fees	₹2,500–5,000	Per subject, per attempt
Class 1 Medical	₹10k–20k	Valid 1 year
Flight training (200 hrs)	₹55L–75L	The biggest cost; plan it hardest
CPL issue	₹10k–15k	Via eGCA
Multi-engine rating	₹3L–7L	Expected for airline hiring
Type rating (A320 / B737)	₹15L–19L	Included in most cadet programs

15–18

Months, conventional route

₹55–85L

Conventional, all-in to CPL

₹90L–1.5Cr

Cadet programs, type rating included

Conventional Route or Cadet Program?

Conventional: cheaper, flexible, you compete for jobs on merit. Cadet: costlier, but airline selection happens up front with a defined path to the right seat. It comes down to budget, marks and how much certainty you're buying. Fund it with savings plus an education loan, and match the loan's disbursement schedule to your school's fees before committing.

You've Seen the Route. Now Plan Yours.

9+Years training
pilots**2,000+**Students
trained**14+**Aviation
instructors**80%**First-attempt
pass rate

Don't Plan This Alone. It's Free to Ask.

One session with a counsellor who's guided 2,000+ aspiring pilots. You'll leave knowing your subject order, your realistic budget, and whether India, abroad or a cadet program fits you best.

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