
Gaining your licence

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To fly a microlight aeroplane solo and unsupervised with or without a passenger you must be in possession of a:

Private Pilots Licence (Aeroplanes) Microlight known for short as the PPL(A) Microlight.

Obtaining the PPL (A) Microlight requires the following:

- * That you are at least 17 years of age.
- * That you are in possession of a valid medical 'Declaration of Fitness' which must be countersigned by your own doctor.

NOTE: A medical examination may not be necessary, but if it is, the GP is entitled to charge a fee for it. The amount is at the discretion of the doctor involved. The CAA recommended a fee for class 3 certification of £38, but one would hope you would negotiate a lower fee than this, if one is to be charged at all.

That any flying instruction received must be under the direct supervision of a Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rated instructor. That within 12 months prior to your application for a licence you pass simple written tests of the 'multiple choice' type (a tick against a right answer) on Air Law, Navigation/ Meteorology, Technical (Principles of Flight) and Human Performance Limitations (from January 1992) plus an oral test on salient points of the aeroplane you fly.