



How much does it cost to obtain a Sport Pilot License?

The average cost is somewhere between \$5000 - \$6000, however this may vary on the following factors;

1. Will you be training in your own aircraft or one of ours?
2. Will you be available to fast track your training, or are you going to train over a longer period of time?
3. Are you a self-motivated home studier that is willing to study independently? Are you going to require one-on-one tuition with an instructor?
4. Your ability to develop the motor skills required when operating an aircraft.

Compared to a Private Pilot License, a Sport Pilot License is only half the cost; it's no wonder why Sport Aviation is now the fastest growing aviation industry in Australia.

Birds Eye View Ningaloo offers both full-time and part-time courses. Here are two scenarios to discover the variations in costs in which you can obtain your Sport Pilot License.

1. **Full-time/Minimum hours** – This is the cheapest way to qualify and gain your Sport Pilot License. It is tough to achieve but it can be done. You must be motivated and able to qualify in 20 hours. Birds Eye View Ningaloo recommends 25 hours.
2. **Part-time/Extended hours** – If you only fly once in a while and don't complete any study at home, then the outcome will be a more costly one.

Full-time/Minimum hours

You have purchased your own aircraft and you are training full-time, flying three to four days a week. You have the ability to study yourself and pass all three exams first attempt. You have excellent motor skills qualifying in minimum flying hours.

Item/Service	Qty	Cost (Inc. GST)	Total
Student Pilot Kit		\$350	\$350
Flight Training - <i>Your own aircraft</i>	15 hrs	\$110	\$1650
Briefings & Debriefings	15 hrs	\$66	\$990
Solo time under direct supervision	5 hrs	\$66	\$330
Landing Fees - <i>Exmouth Light Aircraft Strip</i>	30	\$5.50	\$165
Ground School Theory, HGFA Training Workbook and Preparation for Exams	40 hrs	Self Study	0
Pre-solo, Basic Aeronautical Knowledge & Radio Exam - <i>HGFA</i>	3	\$66	\$198
Flight Test (<i>Your final check ride with CFI</i>)	1	\$280	\$280
Totals			\$3963

Our records show that a few dedicated students have achieved the cost of approx \$4000 to obtain their Sport Pilot License. With your own aircraft, Birds Eye View recommends a 25-hour course costing a total of \$4843.

Part-time/Extended hours

You are training in a Birds Eye View aircraft and you are limited to flying only on the weekends. This may mean many hours will be spent on revision flights, hence increasing the amount of flight training required to qualify. For you to successfully complete the exams you will need to obtain a sufficient degree of knowledge. The \$1980 charged for Ground School theory can be avoided if you decide to study on your own. This is a cheaper alternative but also demands you to be able to study independently.

Item/Service	Qty	Cost (Inc. GST)	Total
Student Pilot Kit		\$350	\$350
Flight Training - <i>Birds Eye View Aircraft</i>	30 hrs	\$198	\$3940
Briefings & Debriefings	30 hrs	\$66	\$1980
Solo time under direct supervision	5 hrs	\$198	\$990
Landing Fees - <i>Exmouth Light Aircraft Strip</i>	40	\$5.50	\$220
Ground School Theory, HGFA Training Workbook and Preparation for Exams	30 hrs	\$66	\$1980
Pre-solo, Basic Aeronautical Knowledge & Radio Exam - <i>HGFA</i>	3	\$66	\$198
Flight Test (<i>Your final check ride with CFI</i>)	1	\$280	\$280
Totals			\$9938

You can see clearly here that your total cost increases if you rent an aircraft and your flight training is spread out over a longer period of time.

There is a wide range of costs associated in achieving your Sport Pilot License, it just depends on which approach suits you best. Remember, the factors that reduce your costs are buying your own aircraft and training full-time. Dedicating yourself to obtaining your license within a timeframe of two to four weeks will save you a lot of time and money.

Birds Eye View Ningaloo - Microlight Training Costs

Item/Service	Cost (Inc. GST)
Flight Training – <i>Birds Eye View Aircraft</i>	\$198/hr
Flight Training – <i>Your own Aircraft</i>	\$110/hr
Briefings & Debriefings	\$66/hr
Solo time under direct supervision	\$66/hr
Landing Fees - <i>Exmouth Light Aircraft Strip</i>	\$5.50 each
Ground School Theory, HGFA Training Workbook and Preparation for Exams	\$66/hr
Pre-solo, Basic Aeronautical Knowledge & Radio Exam - <i>HGFA</i>	\$66 each
Flight Test (<i>Your final check ride with CFI</i>) – <i>Aircraft not included</i>	\$280
Maintenance	\$66/hr
Bi-annual Check Flight – <i>Aircraft not included</i>	\$110
Microlight X-Hire (Rental) – <i>You may be required to pass a check flight with the CFI.</i>	\$154/hr