



Learn to Fly and Become a Pilot! The Ultimate Guide for Determining Your Capabilities of Becoming a Professional Pilot and Getting Started with Flight Training

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Vesa Turpeinen's useful guide *Learn to Fly and Become a Pilot!* is an overview of what a career in aviation entails that contains suggestions for beginners in the field.

Written by a pilot, the book forwards information on aviation in Europe, the US, and China. It is concerned most with the US's aviation industry, and will be of less use to international readers whose nation's requirements are not covered. Still, it is a realistic and detailed picture of what the life of an aviator entails that evaluates the benefits of a career in aviation, including travel opportunities, and related challenges, like its effect on family life. Other important aspects of the profession, including qualification and certification requirements, are covered as well.

Even though the work tackles the technical aspects of aviation, its language remains straightforward. Everything is explained in clear terms, from the medical requirements that pilots must meet to the classes they have to take. All information is designed to help assess whether aviation is the right career path for the audience to pursue.

Chapters are preceded by brief explanations of their topics, and summary sections review key information. Subtopics, such as one that differentiates between pursuing an aviation course for fun and doing it for a future career, help the work to stay focused and concise. Personal anecdotes regarding Turpeinen's experiences as a pilot add flavor and result in tips regarding how to be efficient in pursuing the career.

Systematic in its approach, the book moves from initial challenges—the cost of training, for example—to available options for solutions. It details the training process well, breaking it down into actionable steps, and covers potential career paths for pilots, including corporate and business aviation and working as a freight and cargo pilot, as well as what to consider when selecting a flight school. Its is an encouraging and thorough picture of what to expect, down to continued studies.

All of the provided information is backed by statistics—on a pilot's typical work hours; on the number of business jets registered in the United States; on cosmic ionizing radiation and related dangers—drawn from internet sources that are listed at the end. These add credibility to the work.

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