

LEARNING TO FLY IN A LAA AIRCRAFT

Learning to fly in a LAA aircraft is quite legal, but the following conditions apply.

1. An owner may receive remunerated (or un-remunerated) flight training in his own LAA aircraft provided he is a 'sole' owner and not part of a group ownership.
(Direct family members of the owner's immediate family are also acceptable).
2. The solo part of the PPL syllabus can be carried out in a single seat LAA aircraft as long as the aircraft is similar to that being used for dual instruction, is suitably equipped, and the instructor is satisfied that it is compatible with accepted flight training practices.
3. 'Simulated' instrument training as required by the PPL syllabus, and training towards the IMC rating is acceptable in a LAA aircraft provided it is suitably equipped.
4. Examination, as required by the PPL syllabus, may be carried out in a LAA aircraft, **but only if un-remunerated**. The aircraft must also be suitably equipped.
5. All ab-initio flight training must be conducted from a licensed airfield. *Please note that this is due to change in April 2010.*
6. All flight training is at the discretion of, and under the control of, the Flight Instructor who is legally responsible for the student pilot when that student is flying. There is a mandatory requirement for certain types of remunerated flight training to be given and received by members of the same flying club, depending largely on the qualifications held by the instructor. Broadly this only applies to instructors who are PPL and restricted BCPL holders, but not to non-restricted BCPLs, CPLs, and ATPLs, who hold an instructor rating.

Further information is available from the CAA's Licensing and Training Department at Gatwick, Telephone 01293 573700.

Additionally, LAA Members may contact the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme for advice at:

coaching@laa.uk.com

CAA Reference Material:

- CAP 393: The Air Navigation Order
- AIC W071/2009: Remunerated Training and Flight Tests in Private Aircraft
- Standards Document 19(A): Notes for the Guidance of Applicants taking the PPL Skill Test