

If you are a foreign pilot who wants to fly for pay or reward in Canada, you must hold a valid Canadian commercial or airline transport pilot licence. This requires you meet the medical fitness, knowledge, experience and skill requirements set out in the [Canadian Aviation Regulations \(CARs\) Part IV, Subpart1 - flight Crew Permits, Licences and Ratings](#).

Conversion Requirements: CPL-A

1. Complete [medical examination requirements](#) and hold a Category 1 medical certificate.
2. Provide proof that you meet the experience requirement. Be prepared to show your log book of flight experience for Transport Canada review.
3. Meet the knowledge requirement by successfully passing the Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane (CPAER) [examination](#).
4. Meet the skill requirement by successfully passing a [practical flight test](#).
5. Complete your licence application.

Licence Application:

1. Submit the Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane [application form](#).
2. Submit proof of foreign citizenship and log book for evaluation.
3. Pay the appropriate licence fee (\$80) through the [online payment system](#) or by cheque attached to your application. Your application will not be processed unless this fee is paid.

Experience Requirement:

The applicant must have a minimum of 200 hours total time, of which, 100 hours must be pilot-in-command. A minimum of 30 hours solo and 35 hours dual is required on course. The breakdown of requirements are as follows:

- 35 hours of dual flight instruction
- 20 hours instrument (10 hours of the 20 hours may be conducted on an approved aeroplane simulator)
- 5 hours night flight, including a min of 2 hrs of cross-country
- 30 Hours solo flight under supervision of an instructor
- 300 nm radius cross-country from point of departure

Visitors to Canada may have a foreign pilot licence validated for private recreational purposes or flight training. The foreign licence must be valid under the law of the issuing state and for the privileges appropriate to the reason you are flying. You may apply for a foreign licence validation certificate (FLVC) before arriving in Canada. The certificate will be issued for a period of one year after which you may renew it or apply for a permanent Canadian pilot licence.

Subsection 401.03(1.1) of the CARs states that “No person shall exercise the privileges of a foreign licence validation certificate unless the person:

- a. Holds the appropriate foreign licence validation certificate;
- b. Has signed the certificate; and
- c. Can produce the certificate when exercising those privileges”

Conversion Requirements: FLVC

1. Hold a pilot licence valid under the law of the issuing state.
2. Hold a valid medical certificate issued by the same state that issued the licence.
3. ICAO level 4 English proficiency.
4. Complete your licence application.

Licence Application:

1. Submit the Foreign Licence Validation Certificate [application form](#).
2. Pay the appropriate licence fee (\$45) through the [online payment system](#) or with an attached cheque. Your application will not be processed unless this fee is paid.
3. Copy of the applicant's passport with photo, name, signature, date of birth and citizenship.

To learn more about the certificate, including how to apply, read [Advisory Circular 400-003: Foreign Licence Validation Certificate](#).

*All prices quoted are in Canadian dollars. Prices are subject to change without notice. GST will be added to prices where applicable. Prices are quoted to Transport Canada minimum requirements.