

## Comparison of Practical Test Pricing Survey Data from 2022, 2020, and 2018 Surveys by Flight School Association of North America

1. What is the current cost in your area for a private pilot, instrument pilot, or commercial pilot practical test in a single- or multi-engine airplane?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$350	9%	0%	1%
\$351 - \$450	25%	16%	2%
\$451 - \$550	30%	22%	8%
\$551 - \$650	20%	24%	19%
\$651 - \$750	11%	19%	23%
\$751 - \$850	4%	16%	29%
\$851 - \$950	1%	3%	10%
Over \$950	1%	0%	4%

2. What is the current cost in your area for an INITIAL Certificated Flight Instructor practical test in a single- or multi-engine airplane?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$500	10%	3%	1%
\$551 - \$650	15%	3%	3%
\$651 - \$750	10%	8%	3%
\$751 - \$850	14%	22%	12%
\$850 - \$950	10%	17%	9%
\$951 - \$1,050	14%	17%	20%
\$1,051 - \$1,150	4%	6%	8%
\$1,151 - \$1,251	4%	17%	17%
\$1,251 - \$1,351	1%	3%	10%
Over \$1,351	2%	6%	12%

3. What is the current cost in your area for an ADD ON (such as an instrument instructor) Certificated Flight Instructor practical test in a single- or multi-engine airplane?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$350	7%	3%	1%
\$351 - \$450	21%	6%	2%
\$451 - \$550	31%	24%	8%
\$551 - \$650	16%	18%	23%
\$651 - \$750	11%	21%	17%
\$751 - \$850	6%	12%	30%
\$851 - \$950	2%	15%	16%

4. What is the current cost in your area for a private pilot, instrument pilot, or commercial pilot practical test in a ROTORCRAFT?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$350	6%	20%	2%
\$351 - \$450	8%	0%	1%
\$451 - \$550	16%	20%	4%
\$551 - \$650	21%	40%	14%
\$651 - \$750	10%	20%	20%
\$651 - \$750	4%	0%	30%
\$751 - \$850	8%	0%	26%

5. What is the current cost in your area for an initial or add-on Certificated Flight Instructor practical test in a ROTORCRAFT?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$500	10%	0%	4%
\$551 - \$650	19%	25%	2%
\$651 - \$750	9%	25%	9%
\$751 - \$850	2%	50%	17%
\$851 - \$950	5%	0%	8%
\$951 - \$1,050	5%	0%	15%
\$1,051 - \$1,150	0%	0%	5%
\$1,151 - \$1,251	2%	0%	17%
\$1,251 - \$1,351	1%	0%	19%
Over \$1,351	6%	0%	0%

6. Some ratings and certificates must be tested by more specialized examiners, which may be limited in number. What is the current cost in your area for a practical test in things such as gliders, sea-planes, gyroplanes, warbirds, etc.?			
	2018	2018	2022
Under \$350	21%	14%	4%
\$351 - \$450	21%	0%	5%
\$451 - \$550	19%	0%	11%
\$551 - \$650	9%	43%	13%
\$651 - \$750	5%	0%	16%
\$751 - \$850	2%	14%	19%
\$851 - \$950	1%	0%	8%
Over \$950	6%	29%	20%

7. What is the current cost in your area for a RETEST of a pilot after failure for typical ratings such private pilot, instrument pilot, or commercial pilot single- and multi-engine practical tests?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$200	18%	14%	3%
\$201 - \$300	27%	31%	7%
\$301 - \$400	18%	23%	12%
\$401 - \$500	8%	14%	18%
Over \$500	2%	6%	17%
Full test price again.	13%	9%	10%
No charge for retests.	11%	3%	10%

8. What is the current cost in your area for a RETEST of an INITIAL CFI after failure for the first attempt on a practical test?			
	2018	2020	2022
Under \$200	9%	0%	3%
\$201 - \$300	11%	7%	7%
\$301 - \$400	16%	11%	12%
\$401 - \$500	15%	26%	18%
Over \$500	12%	41%	17%
\$601 - \$700			10%
Over \$700			10%
Full test price again.	16%	11%	12%
No charge for retests.	12%	4%	6%

9. What forms of payment do examiners accept for payment of practical testing services?(Select all that apply)			
	2018	2020	2022
Cash	95%	97%	95%
Check	52%	96%	53%
Credit/Debit Cards	12%	13%	20%
Paypal	3%	10%	11%
Digital payments such as Venmo, Cashapp, Apple Pay, Zelle, etc.			30%
Paid through the Flight Training Pro	8%	23%	19%

**Note:**  
 2018 Sample Size = 727 Respondants  
 2020 Sample Size = 39 Respondants  
 2022 Sample Size = 519 Respondants

What length of wait time is currently being experienced in your area for INITIAL scheduling of a practical test such as an initial private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument rating, or multi-engine add on test?	
	2022
Less than a week	3%
1-2 weeks	17%
2-3 weeks	16%
3-4 weeks	23%
4-6 weeks	17%
6-8 weeks	11%
More than 8 weeks	10%

What length of wait time is currently being experienced in your area for INITIAL scheduling of an INITIAL CFI practical test?	
	2022
Less than a week	1%
1-2 weeks	12%
2-3 weeks	13%
3-4 weeks	22%
4-6 weeks	17%
6-8 weeks	15%
More than 8 weeks	16%

What length of wait time is currently being experienced in your area for a practical test RETEST after a disapproval?	
	2022
Less than a week	19%
1-2 weeks	35%
2-3 weeks	20%
3-4 weeks	13%
4-6 weeks	6%
6-8 weeks	2%
More than 8 weeks	1%

My experience with practical test pricing is as: (Select all that apply)	
	2022
Taking a test as an applicant.	40%
As a CFI recommending a student for a test.	59%
As a business owner/manager who has customers who take tests.	17%
As a DPE who provides practical tests.	25%
Other	3%