



PRACTICAL ADVICE WHEN STARTING FLYING TRAINING

We offer the following as things you should consider when starting flying training.

The earlier study is commenced for the ground school exams the better.

Things you will need:

1. **Air Pilots Manuals** series Volume 1 - 7. These manuals are available to purchase from pilot supply organisations such as [Pooleys](#) [Transair](#) or flightstore.co.uk. Alternatively the club may have copies that you can borrow, (check the top of the cabinet in the main briefing room)
 - a) Volume 1 is a practical book that goes hand in hand with the flying syllabus - you can read the chapters in preparation for your lessons.
 - b) Prioritise Volume 2 and Air law, Meteorology and Volume 7 R.T. Discuss with your instructor for the order of the rest.
2. GFT also recommends the complementary online system '**Easy PPL Ground School**' to complement text books. We encourage you to try it by signing up via the dedicated link guernseyflyingtraining.groundschool.online. Please note that by signing up this way your details and progress record will be shared with our instructors and also a GFT will receive a small commission on any subscriptions.
3. **A Pilots Log Book** - so you can record your hours.
4. **Aeronautical chart** NW France 1:500,000. These are updated annually
5. You might want to consider getting a **knee board**. You can get a cheap one from WHSmith (A5 clipboard) or a purpose made one online (above).
6. Other online systems to consider registering on:-
 - a. For local **weather** information check the club website [weather links page](#).
 - b. Met Office [Aviation Briefing Service](#) which is free for private pilots.
 - c. Pre-flight information service with NATS including NOTAMS [Nats-UK](#)
 - d. [Skyway Code](#) gives a general overview of VFR flying and all your PPL studies
7. You should be aware that prior to going solo you need to have a valid medical and pass the Air Law exam. Both of these require you to [register on the CAA portal](#)
8. For **medicals**, you must fill in a detailed medical history on the [linked 'Cellma' system](#) and pay a small fee (£11.70) **before** booking an appointment directly with Cobo Surgery on 256404 with Dr Ian Gee (AME). Allow plenty of time (several weeks) as he is often busy.
9. All students are strongly encouraged to join the [Guernsey Aero Club](#) and have the opportunity to meet with other pilots typically on Friday evenings for the members and meat draw and on Sunday mornings for a snack breakfast and Sunday papers.
10. It is a requirement to be a full member to have an **airside gate access pass** which is issued by the airport and can be applied for initially from the Club manager. **Prior to issue, please ensure you have an identity document available (passport or driving licence) with you whenever you go flying, this enables the instructor to verify your identity and take you through the gate onto the airfield.**

Thank you for choosing GFT and we wish you well with your training