

PILOT



JOB DESCRIPTION

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DAILY ROUTINE

A pilot's routine includes a pre-flight briefing to review weather, flight plans and concerns, followed by an aircraft inspection. During flight, they manage takeoff, navigation and landing while monitoring instruments. Constant communication with air traffic control and crew ensures safety. Post-flight, pilots log flights, debrief and report maintenance needs, always ready to handle emergencies.

IMPACT ON PRIVATE LIFE

Pilots face unpredictable schedules, including nights, weekends and long-haul flights away from home, impacting personal life. The job demands intense focus and strong stress management. Regular medical assessments ensure pilots stay physically and mentally fit to fly.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates must obtain an EASA-approved Private Pilot License (PPL), followed by a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) and an Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL). A minimum age of 18 is required for a CPL, along with English proficiency. While a high school diploma is the minimum education, many airlines prefer a bachelor's degree in aviation or engineering. Medical fitness is essential, requiring a Class 1 Medical Certificate. Flight training includes theoretical studies and flight hours (200 for CPL, 1,500 for ATPL). Airlines often require psychological and aptitude tests, as well as MCC and JOC courses. Additional requirements, such as military service or sponsorship programs, may apply.

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EDUCATION

Pilots train via EASA, universities, or military, passing flight tests

YEARS OF TRAINING REQUIRED

Becoming fully qualified takes 5-7 years. Training begins at an EASA-approved flight school (2-3 years) to earn a Commercial Pilot License. To achieve an Airline Transport Pilot License, 2-4 more years are needed to gain flight hours and experience. Some airlines require additional courses like Multi-Crew Cooperation and Jet Orientation.