

DHESC Flying Section : Introductory Notes

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The Flying Section of the de Havilland Employees Sports Club (DHESC) has been in continuous operation since 1973, and has trained many pilots for the PPL (and higher licences & ratings). The Flying Section is a small organization, with a few instructors and two training aeroplanes, a 1975 Cessna 150M and a 1974 Cessna 172M. As part of the DHESC, we are a non-profit organization. Any person who is eligible to join the DHESC can join the Flying Section.

Training normally takes place outside working hours. We no longer offer a PPL Ground School, but that is available at other places nearby, or online. Our flight training system, and waiting list, is explained on a separate sheet. Flight training currently costs \$125 or \$150 per tach hour for the aeroplanes (for the C-150 & C-172 respectively) and \$25 per hour for instruction. The minimum flight time for the PPL is 45 hours (dual + solo), but it typically takes 60-70 hours to meet the required standards, for a cost in our club of about \$8,000 to \$12,000 (possibly more). The Recreational Pilot Permit only requires a minimum of 25 hours flight time (but in practice may take 40-60 hours) with a simpler flight test and reduced privileges. Starting in 2019, there is also a special arrangement for a few students training at Brampton, using our C-172, with Ben Beale, with a different cost structure.

It is possible for the cost of initial flight training to be tax deductible as an educational expense, but only if and when advancing to a Commercial Pilot Licence. As we are a non-profit corporation, there is no tax added to any of the fees in our club. Every effort is made to allow students to progress through flight training as fast as they are able to do so, and ideally it should not take longer than 12 months. If it is done slowly, it tends to cost more.

Anyone who is not near the top of our waiting list, and who is in a hurry to get on with flight training, should probably enroll at the commercial organizations in this area. The DHESC-FS is an option for those who are not in a hurry. We try hard to do the best that we can with limited resources, in a way than gives fair and equal access to all eligible applicants.

If a student chooses to learn to fly elsewhere, it is possible to join our club later, after earning a PPL or RPP. However, the DHESC-FS does not allow people who start training 'outside' our system, to 'jump the queue' for flight training in our club. Some advanced training can be arranged, but our primary mandate is for training up to the PPL only.

In addition to providing flight training, our club welcomes licenced pilots who wish to use our aeroplanes. Licenced pilots pay slightly lower rates of \$110 or \$130 per tach hour for the aeroplanes (for C-150 & C-172 respectively), and pay the same costs for instruction, or checkouts, as the students. The DHESC-FS has Check Pilots (CPL holders) to provide instruction to licenced pilots. Aircraft rental rates, and other fees in our club, are subject to change.

Membership in the DHESC is a requirement (through payroll deduction or equivalent) for all members of the Flying Section, including students taking flight training. If you are just waiting to start flight training, you do not have to be a member of the DHESC until you start flying. Membership in the Flying Section costs \$50 per calendar year.

The DHESC-FS is managed by an Executive Committee, under the by-laws of the DHESC. There are currently nine members on the DHESC-FS Executive Committee. Elections are held every year, in February, at the DHESC-FS AGM. Other DHESC-FS meetings are held from time to time. All DHESC-FS meetings are open to everyone. More information is at www.dehavillandflyingclub.ca