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Training Rates - 2023

With our straight forward pay as you fly training program you will never be asked to deposit any money into an account (See below for the reasons why) or to pay before your flight. This honest and fair approach to training allows us to offer the best overall training rates in California!

All of our rates include your Certified Flight Instructor for Dual Training and the Helicopter Wet (all the fuel that is required for that flight).

We don't have any hidden fees or fuel charges (Meaning that some flight schools will only pay up to the cost of fuel at their airport, you pick up the difference if the fuel cost is more if you stop to get fuel somewhere else! (Funny how they never give you a credit if it costs less!). We do not cover airport landing fees, which currently only affects Catalina Airport and Santa Monica Airport.

Since training is a service there is no sales tax.

Please note that you will be charged Dual Training rates for all of your Private Solo flights, and Dual Training rates for your first 3 hours of Commercial solo flying. The reason we charge at the Dual Training rate is because your Flight Instructor will be here to supervise your flight from start to finish. In our industry it's called a Supervised Solo.

The estimated cost to obtain a certificate or rating are based on the FAA minimum requirements.

2023 Training Rates - download

<http://www.star-helicopters.com/wpcontent/uploads/TrainingRatesPrintableHandouts2023-All.pdf>

Why we don't accept advanced money into so called Block Rate accounts!

You pay at our low training rates only after you have flown or had ground instruction and you only pay for the actual time spent flying or in ground instruction, again there are no hidden charges. There are several reasons why we do not accept money into block rate accounts. Just about everyone has a bank and that is their purpose to manage and protect your money. We are a flight school and our purpose is to teach you to fly!

Here are some real-world examples of why we don't have block rate accounts or accept advanced payments for our flight training.

I was involved with the largest helicopter training company in the US that went bankrupt, leaving myself and about 2100 other students, with a huge training bill for hours never flown, but long spent by the school.

I have trained two students who both lost several thousand dollars when their previous flight school went out of business and they lost all of their money in a block rate account. These were well established flight schools that had been in business for years.

We have trained other students who felt they were getting sub-standard training at another school and did not want to continue training there. They could not get their money out of their block rate accounts unless they were ready to forfeit from 20% all the way to 100% for some schools. They had two choices, loose a percentage of their money, or continue to get their sub-standard training until they had flown their accounts to zero.

Our words of advice – Never give any flight school 100% of your money for training up front. Only deposit with them what you are willing to lose should something happen to the school.

California has recently passed a law AB-48 to try and protect student's money from the above scenarios.

[Full text of Assembly Bill 48 \(AB-48\) as signed](#)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_48_bill_20091011_chaptered.html

[California Private Post-Secondary Education Act of 2009](#)

https://bppe.ca.gov/lawsregs/ppe_act.pdf

Flight Rates - 2023

Robinson R22

Standard Discounted Rate	Hourly Rate – Wet (1)
Dual Training	\$375
Dual IFR Training	\$400
Solo R22-Private-Supervised	\$375
Solo R22-Commercial	\$375
R22 Rental	\$400

Robinson R44

Standard Discounted Rate	Hourly Rate – Wet (1)
Dual Training	\$750
Dual IFR Training	\$800
Solo R44-Private-Supervised	\$750
Solo R44-Commercial	\$750
R44 Rental (Star Helicopters Safety Pilot Required)	\$750

Bell 206B3

Standard Discounted Rate	Hourly Rate – Wet (1)
Dual Training	\$1300
Bell Rental (Star Helicopters Safety Pilot Required)	\$1300

Private Helicopter Owners Training Rate

Exclusive offer for Helicopter owners! You provide your helicopter, insurance and pay for the fuel and we will provide our CFI for your personalized flight training in the Los Angeles area.

Standard Discounted Rate	Hourly Rate
Dual Training	\$180
Bell Rental (Star Helicopters Safety Pilot Required)	\$1300

(1) Wet - Includes all required fuel for the flight.

Ground Rates - 2023

Standard Discounted Rate	Hourly Rate
Ground Private	\$75
Ground Instrument	\$75
Ground Commercial	\$75
Ground CFI	\$75
Ground CFII	\$75
R44 Transition	\$75
Turbine Transition	\$100

Insurance Rates - 2023

Pilots who have not flown within 90 days must take a 1hr check flight with a Star Helicopters Pilot prior to any Solo or Rental flights.

INSURANCE TYPE	RATE
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R22 Solo Insurance Private Pilot.	\$500
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R22 Solo Insurance Commercial Pilot.	\$500
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RESTRICITION AND LIMITATIONS

Valid for 1 year or FAA Certificate completion, whichever comes 1st. Non-refundable.

Solo flights for certificate or ratings are limited to the Star Helicopters Training Syllabus Solo requirements and the FAA minimum Solo requirements for the certificate.

May not carry Passengers.

R44 Solo Insurance Private Pilot	\$1000
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R44 Solo Insurance Commercial Pilot.	\$1000
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RESTRICITION AND LIMITATIONS

Valid for 1 year or FAA Certificate completion, whichever comes 1st. Non-refundable.

Solo flights for certificate or ratings are limited to the Star Helicopters Training Syllabus Solo requirements and the FAA minimum Solo requirements for the certificate.

May not carry Passengers.

R22 Rental Insurance	\$1000
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R44 Rental Insurance (WE DO NOT RENT R44's, A SAFETY PILOT IS REQUIRED)

RESTRICITION AND LIMITATIONS

Valid for 1 year. Non-refundable.

Private Pilot Rotorcraft certificate required to rent an R22.

May not rent the helicopter until Pilot has completed 3-10 additional hours of flight training with the instructor to include LAX transitions and the instructor has given authorization to rent the helicopter.

May not carry passengers until the Pilot has completed the Robinson Factory Safety course.

ESTIMATED COST TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OR RATING

These cost estimates are based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

PRIVATE PILOT – R22

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 61) – R22 Beta II

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
40 Hours Flight Training	\$375.00	\$15,000.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$550.00
2nd Class Medical and Student Pilot Certificate	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
Headset (Depending on headset model \$300-\$1000)		
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$18,775.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 141) – R22 Beta II

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
35 Hours Flight Training	\$375.00	\$13,125.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$550.00
2nd Class Medical and Student Pilot Certificate	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
Headset (Depending on headset model \$300-\$1000)		
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$16,900.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

PRIVATE PILOT – R44

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 61) – R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
40 Hours Flight Training	\$750.00	\$30,000.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$550.00
2nd Class Medical and Student Pilot Certificate	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Headset (Depending on headset model \$300-\$1000)		\$
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$34,275.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 141) – R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
35 Hours Flight Training	\$750.00	\$26,250.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$3550.00
2nd Class Medical and Student Pilot Certificate	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$150.00	\$150.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Headset (Depending on headset model \$300-\$1000)		
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$30,525.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

PRIVATE PILOT – Add-On

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 61) - Add-On – R22 Beta II

Assumes you have a valid medical certificate and a headset (you will need a helicopter adapter if it is for fixed wing)

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
30 Hours Flight Training	\$375.00	\$11,250.00
15 Hours Ground Training	\$7500	\$1,125.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$550.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$14,275.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

Private Pilot Certificate (Part 61) - Add-On – R44 Raven I

Assumes you have a valid medical certificate and a headset (you will need a helicopter adapter if it is for fixed wing)

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
30 Hours Flight Training	\$750.00	\$22,500.00
15 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,125.00
Private Pilot Training Materials	\$550.00	\$550.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$26,025.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

COMMERCIAL PILOT – R22

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Commercial Pilot Certificate (Part 61) – Robinson R22 Beta II

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
90 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$375.00	\$33,750.00
5 Hours Dual Instrument Training (R22)	\$375.00	\$1,875.00
37 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$350.00	\$12,950.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,750.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
20 Hours Ground Instruction	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Commercial Pilot Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$55,850.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Commercial Pilot Certificate (Part 141) – Robinson R22 Beta II

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
60 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$375.00	\$22,500.00
5 Hours Dual Instrument Training (R22)	\$375.00	\$1,875.00
37 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$350.00	\$12,950.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,750.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
20 Hours Ground Instruction	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Commercial Pilot Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$44,575.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

COMMERCIAL PILOT – Add-On

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Commercial Pilot Certificate - Add on – Robinson R22 Beta II

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
20 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$375.00	\$7,000.00
22 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$350.00	\$7,700.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,750.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Commercial Pilot Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$21,800.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

COMMERCIAL PILOT – R44

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Commercial Pilot Certificate – Robinson R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
60 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$750.00	\$45,000.00
5 Hours Dual Instrument Training	\$700.00	\$3,500.00
37 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$700.00	\$25,900.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$3,500.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$2,100.00
20 Hours Ground Instruction	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Commercial Pilot Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$85,975.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Commercial Pilot Certificate - Add on – Robinson R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
20 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$750.00	\$15,000.00
22 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$700.00	\$15,400.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$3,500.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$2,100.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
Commercial Pilot Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$41,050.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

COMMERCIAL PILOT w INSTRUMENT RATING

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Commercial Pilot Certificate – Robinson R22

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
30 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$375.00	\$11,250.00
40 Hours Dual Instrument Training (R22)	\$375.00	\$15,000.00
32 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$350.00	\$11,200.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,750.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
50 Hours Ground Instruction	\$75.00	\$3,750.00
Training Materials(Comm \$100 – Inst \$150)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Written Exam (2=Commercial & Instrument)	\$175.00	\$350.00
FAA Checkride (2=Commercial & Instrument)	\$850.00	\$1700.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$48,800.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Commercial Pilot Certificate – Robinson R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
30 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$750.00	\$22,500.00
40 Hours Dual Instrument Training (R22)	\$700.00	\$28,000.00
32 PIC Solo Hours Training	\$700.00	\$22,400.00
5 Hours Night Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$3,500.00
3 Hours Day Supervised Solo	\$700.00	\$2,100.00
50 Hours Ground Instruction)	\$75.00	\$3,750.00
Training Materials(Comm \$100 – Inst \$150)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Written Exam (2=Commercial & Instrument)	\$175.00	\$350.00
FAA Checkride (2=Commercial & Instrument)	\$850.00	\$1700.00
Solo Insurance (per year)	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$89,550.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

INSTRUMENT RATING

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Instrument Rating - Robinson R22

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
48 Hours Dual Flight Training (40 Simulated, 8 Non-Instr)	\$400.00	\$19,200.00
30 Hours Ground	\$75.00	\$2,250.00
Instrument Training Materials	\$150.00	\$150.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$22,675.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Instrument Rating - Robinson R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
48 Hours Dual Flight Training (40 Simulated, 8 Non-Instr)	\$750.00	\$36,000.00
30 Hours Ground	\$75.00	\$2,250.00
Instrument Training Materials	\$150.00	\$150.00
Written Exam	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$39,475.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

(CFI) CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Certified Flight Instructor – Robinson R22

Includes Robinson R22 Instructor Endorsement

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
20 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$375.00	\$7,500.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
CFI Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
2 Written Exams (CFI & FOI)	\$175.00	\$350.00
FAA Checkride	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$10,500.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Certified Flight Instructor – Robinson R44 Raven I

Includes Robinson R44 Instructor Endorsement

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
20 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$750.00	\$15,000.00
20 Hours Ground Training	\$75.00	\$1,500.00
CFI Training Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00
2 Written Exams (CFI & FOI)	\$175.00	\$350.00
FAA Checkride	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$18,050.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

(CFII) CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) – Robinson R22

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
5 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$400.00	\$2,000.00
15 Hours Ground	\$75.00	\$1,125.00
1 Written Exams	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$4,150.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) - Robinson R44 Raven I

Requirement/Item	Cost/Hourly Rate	Total
5 Hours Dual Flight Training	\$750.00	\$3,750.00
15 Hours Ground	\$75.00	\$1,125.00
1 Written Exams	\$175.00	\$175.00
FAA Checkride	\$850.00	\$850.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$5,900.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

PROFESSIONAL PILOT PROGRAM – R22

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Professional Pilot Program - Robinson R22 (Part 141)

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters
You will need an additional 30 Hours of flight time before you can instruct in the Robinson R22

Requirement/Item	Flight Hours	Total
Private Pilot	35	\$16,900.00
Commercial Pilot	110	\$44,575.00
CFI	20	\$10,550.00
	Total (170hrs)	\$72,025.00
30 Hours @ \$250 R22 Solo - Additional Flight Time	30	\$11,250.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total (200hrs)	\$83,275.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Professional Pilot Program - With Instrument Rating - Robinson R22

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters
You will need an additional 20 Hours of flight time before you can instruct in the Robinson R22

Requirement/Item	Flight Hours	Total
Private Pilot	35	\$16,900.00
Commercial Pilot with Instrument Rating	110	\$48,800.00
CFI	20	\$10,550.00
CFII	10	\$4,150.00
	Total (180hrs)	\$80,400.00
20 Hours @ \$250 R22 Solo - Additional Flight Time	20	\$7,500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total (200hrs)	\$87,900.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements.

PROFESSIONAL PILOT PROGRAM – R44

2023 - Rotorcraft Category Rating - Helicopter Class Rating

Professional Pilot Program - Robinson R44 Raven I

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters
You will need an additional 30 Hours of flight time before you can instruct in the Robinson R44

Requirement/Item	Flight Hours	Total
Private Pilot	40	\$30,525.00
Commercial Pilot	110	\$85,975.00
CFI	20	\$18,050.00
	Total	\$134,550.00
30 Hours @ \$475 R44 Solo - Additional Flight Time	30	\$22,500.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$157,050.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements

Professional Pilot Program - With Instrument Rating - Robinson R44

FAA - SFAR 73 Requires 200 hours in helicopters and 50 hours in Robinson Helicopters to instruct in Robinson Helicopters
You will need an additional 20 Hours of flight time before you can instruct in the Robinson R44

Requirement/Item	Flight Hours	Total
Private Pilot	40	\$30,525.00
Commercial Pilot with Instrument Rating	110	\$89,550.00
CFI	20	\$18,050.00
CFII	10	\$5,900.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$144,025.00
20 Hours @ \$475 R44 Solo - Additional Flight Time	20	\$15,000.00
*Subject to change based on current rates	Total	\$159,025.00

Estimated cost to obtain each Certificate or Rating is based on the FAA Minimum Requirements