

Language

Base language of the course is English.

PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

shall fill in the respective sections of the Student Application form (Appendix 18) and provide all the information and document copies as indicated

BPL Theoretical Training Course:

The standard BPL theoretical training course comprises at least 72 hours of training and consists of the following subjects:

- Air Law
- Human Performance
- Meteorology
- Communications
- Principles of Flight
- Operational Procedures
- Flight Performance and Planning
- Aircraft General Knowledge Related to Balloons
- Navigation.

The BPL theoretical training course is delivered in groups, in distance learning format using Zoom (or similar) platform.

1.2.2 The course is divided into 9 subjects and each subject is delivered in 8 hours of distance learning with the TKI in four sessions of 2 hours each.

1.2.3 Each subject includes 2 Progress Tests (PT) – one at the end of each training session covering the themes included in the session.

1.2.4 At the end of each session the TKI explains concepts answered incorrectly in the PT.

1.2.5 Delivery of training is documented in the Class attendance Journal (Appendix 15) and Individual

Theoretical Training Records (Appendix 16).

1.2.6 After all 9 subjects are completed, the school invites all students to the Final Test (FT) session

held at the premises of the DTO. If the epidemical situation does not allow the FT session to be conducted in the DTO classroom, the DTO will administer the FT session remotely.

1.2.7 The student shall participate in not less than 80% of the distance learning sessions to be authorised for the school Final Tests.

1.2.8 The FT session is spread over 2-3 days when all nine FT are to be taken by the students.

1.2.9 Before each FT, the TKI responsible for the subject will answer student questions.

1.2.10 After each FT, the TKI responsible for the subject, corrects the mistakes and gives feedback to

the students explaining all questions.

1.2.11 In case a student fails the FT, he/she shall schedule a re-test at a mutually agreeable time with

the DTO. Re-testing can be done without the TKI participation.

1.2.12 If the student needs additional individual consultations with the relevant TKI, he / she shall

come to a separate agreement with the DTO about receiving additional instruction.

1.2.13 All FTs shall be passed successfully no more than 12 months after the first attempt at passing the FTs.

1.2.14 After the successful completion of the FT session the DTO prepares the Recommendation Letter

for the CAA examination (Appendix 17). The student receives the original and the copy of the Recommendation Letter shall be sent to the LV CAA by the DTO.

1.2.15 It is the responsibility of each individual student to apply for the CAA exams.

1.2.16 All CAA exams shall be successfully passed in 18 months after the first attempt of the first subject examination.

TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

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In addition to the student's ability to answer instructor's questions during the classroom sessions about

topics covered, there are two types of tests which evaluate student's knowledge and determine student's progress and readiness for final examination in the CAA:

1 – Progress Tests are designed to evaluate a student's knowledge during the teaching of each subject,

as well as to identify weak points in the learning process. There is no minimum passing test score.

2 – Final Tests are conducted in each subject to determine if the student's theoretical knowledge level

meets the standard of the course. The final tests are in written form. Tests are multiple choice format

and a passing mark is 75 %.

Students who do not pass any of the final tests must be retested. In order for the student to be able to

prepare for the re-test, the time interval between the original and the re-test must not be less than two

days. A maximum of 3 final test attempts is allowed per subject (a maximum of 2 re-tests). If all 3

attempts are unsuccessful, the student is considered unable to master the subject and his / her training

is terminated.

TEACHING MATERIALS

Each student is responsible to have his / her own personal computer to participate in distance learning sessions.

Basic training materials handed out to each student upon BPL enrolment:

- Training books and materials (electronic format)
 - Pilot Logbook (EUR 35)
 - BPL Training records for flight training course
- In the application form, the student confirms that he / she has received the above teaching materials.

2 BPL Flight Training Course

The aim of the course is to train the applicant to be able to demonstrate a level of practical knowledge and skills appropriate to the privileges granted for the BPL in accordance with the requirements of Annex III (Part-BFCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/395.

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

The minimum flight instruction time for the BPL course is 16 hours including:

- 12 hours of dual flight instruction
- 10 inflations and 20 take-offs and landings
- one supervised solo flight with a flight time of at least 30 minutes.

Before commencing training the student shall be instructed in the course rules and shall certify by

signature on his / her BPL Training Records form for the course (Appendix 20) that he / she is familiar

with the content of this briefing.

Normally the duration of one lesson / training flight lasts 3 hours, including the pre-flight and post-flight

briefings. The entire flight training course lasts approximately 3 months. It may be extended or compressed, depending on the calendar, holidays, weather and availability of instructors.

2.6.1 Student's personal documents and tools

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Students must have the following personal and training documents and tools on every training flight:

- 2.6.1.1 a personal identification document containing his / her photo
- 2.6.1.2 logbook
- 2.6.1.3 a valid medical certificate
- 2.6.1.4 BPL course Training Records
- 2.6.1.5 VFR aeronautical chart of Latvia

