

Hummingbird Helicopters



Night Rating Guide



CAA Requirements

Night Training

The night rating course comprises 10 hours of dual instrument flight instruction and 5 hours of flight time at night, including at least 3 hours of dual instruction, including at least 1 hour of cross-country navigation and 5 solo night circuits. Each circuit shall include a take-off and landing.



The Night Rating course will build on the skills you learnt as part of your PPL and adapt them for use in the hours of darkness. Once issued you can fly with or without passengers (subject to currency requirements) and take advantage of the generally smoother and less windy conditions that prevail at night.

Before starting the night rating you will need to have a PPL with a valid single-engine piston rating and a medical with no restrictions regarding flying at night. Night flying is available at Doncaster Sheffield Airport throughout the year but is generally easier to complete from October until March.

Theoretical knowledge instruction for the night rating comprises 5 hours of long briefings.

A full-time course of flight training for the Night Rating is expected to take at least six working days/nights to complete.



Pre Course Requirements

You must have completed at least 100 hours of flight time as pilot in helicopters after the issue of the licence, including at least 60 hours as PIC on helicopters and 20 hours of cross-country flight;

You must complete the training course at an ATO. The course shall be completed within a period of 6 months and comprise:

(i) 5 hours of theoretical knowledge instruction;

(ii) 10 hours of helicopter dual instrument instruction time; and

(iii) 5 hours of flight time at night, including at least 3 hours of dual instruction, including at least 1 hour of cross-country navigation and 5 solo night circuits. Each circuit shall include a take-off and a landing.

An applicant who holds or has held an IR in an aeroplane or TMG, shall be credited with 5 hours towards the requirement in (ii) above.

- Hold a current medical
- Hold an EASA PPL(H) or LAPL(H)

Other Information

- 15 hours is the minimum night rating training requirement. Our package is based on this requirement; any additional hours required to achieve competency will be charged at our current rates.
- Night flying can be conducted at Doncaster Sheffield Airport all year however is easier to complete from the end of October to the beginning of March
- This course may also be completed on our Robinson R22 or R44 aircraft where desired, please contact us for details.