

Training Tips

For student Microlight Pilots

1. Choose the right school.

Don't just go for the nearest school or the cheapest hourly rate, look for a school with a good reputation. Go and have a look round before you commit. (Call first – not all schools operate 7 days) Do you feel welcome?

2. Take an Air Experience Flight with the Instructor you intend to train with.

Make sure you actually like flying and that you get on with the instructor. You will be spending a lot of time 1:1 in a cockpit with this person, so you need to feel comfortable together.

3. Get a medical.

Obtain your medical before you start throwing money at a flying school. You don't want to find out you are not medically fit after spending large amounts on lessons. Provided you have normal good health, this is a simple process of making an on-line declaration. There is a link on the BMAA website.

4. Join the BMAA.

Join the BMAA through your chosen school. You get a reduced rate as a student and your instructor will get a thank you too. Your licence application fee will also be reduced as a BMAA member.

5. Buy stuff you need from your flying school if you can, not the internet.

Instructors don't make a fortune, so don't begrudge them 40p profit on a map. The minimum you need to start with is a Logbook, Syllabus booklet and a text book for the ground subjects, such as the Cosgrove. Most schools will sell these essentials.