Memo 0: Introduction

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1. Summary

This collection of notes is not intended to act as a complete course to getting a PPL, however does intend to provide quick and easy-to-access reference material on each topic.

If you have stumbled across this, get easyPPL! It's worth it!

2. Index of Memorandums

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Memo 8 Flight Planning

3. Requirements for a PPL

- 45 hours of flight training
 - at least 25 hours of dual flight with an instructor
 - ▶ 10 hours of supervised solo time
 - a cross country flight of at least 150nm which must include full stop landings at two aerodromes other than the departure aerodrome
- 9 theoretical exams
 - all multiple choice, 75% pass mark
 - Air Law (16 questions)
 - Operational Procedures (12 questions)
 - Human Performance and Limitations (12 questions)
 - Navigation
 - Meteorology (16 questions, 50 minutes)
 - Aircraft (General) (16 questions, 35 minutes)
 - Principles of Flight (12 questions, 35 minutes)
 - Flight Performance and Planning (12 questions, 45 minutes)
 - Communications (12 questions, 20 minutes)
 - an RT practical exam
- a skills test with a flight examiner
 - roughly two hours to demonstrate everything you've learnt
- · at least a Class 2 Medical Certificate

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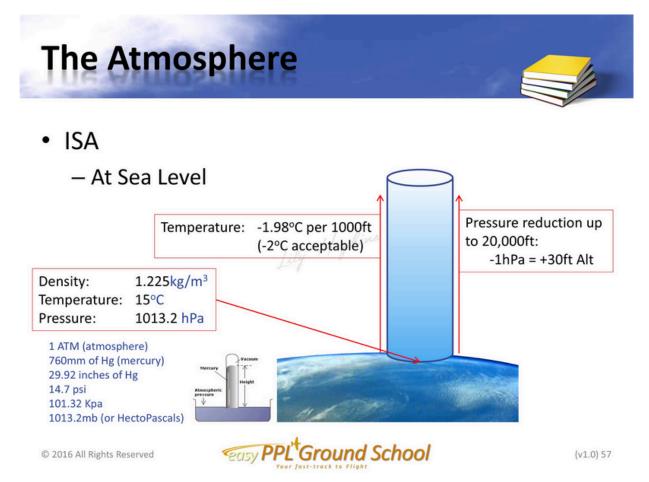
4. Terms

AMSL Above Mean Sea Level. A way of measuring altitudes.

ATC Air Traffic Control. Controllers on the ground who help co-ordinate in-air movements.

hPa Hectopascal. A unit of pressure, equivalent to millibars.

ISA International Standard Atmosphere. A standardised atmospheric model.



MET Shorthand for Meteorology.

PPL Private Pilot License. A type of flying license that allows the holder to fly non-commercially.

RT Radio-telephony. Communication between ATC and the pilot.

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