C Category Instructor Rating

Welcome to the Tauranga Aero Club. Here at the club, we aim to give you the best quality of training in a fun, positive and safe environment. This guide was produced by the instructors at the aero club to answer some of the more frequent questions we get about obtaining a C category instructor rating also known as a C Cat.

What is a C category instructor rating?

The C category instructor rating is an add on to your commercial pilot licence. The C Cat allows holders to teach PPL and CPL students towards gaining their licences. It allows the holder to work as a flight instructor and is widely used by new pilots as a step into the aviation industry as a paid pilot.

What are the hour requirements?

The C category instructor rating requires you to hold a NZ Commercial Pilots Licence as well as:

200 hours total flight time in fixed wing aeroplanes, which is to be made up of the following:

150 hours pilot in command time
15 hours instrument time including 5 hours dual
1 hour of dual instruction in spin recovery
40 hours of cross country flight time as pilot in command

Are there any exams associated with the rating?
Unlike the training for your PPL and CPL there are no theory exams required for the rating, however there is a requirement to attend and complete an instructional techniques course (ITC).

What is the Instructional techniques course?

Under NZ CAA law when training towards the C Cat instructor rating it is required that you attend an instructional techniques course. This is a 4 day course which is held by a senior pilot from the aviation sector. The course covers how to teach and interact with student pilots in order to present flight lessons in an interactive and educational way for the student. Once completed you will receive a certificate and log book sticker indicating the completion of the course.

What are the medical requirements?

The C category instructor rating has the same requirements of the CPL licence so you will be required to maintain your class one medical up to date.

What is the Tauranga Aero Club?

The Tauranga Aero Club is an incorporated society owned by its members. Although the club is professionally and commercially run, it is administered by a committee which is elected by the club members and any surpluses made are re-invested into the club. The club operates a fleet of ten aircraft – 5 two-seat Cessna 152s, 3 four-seat Cessna 172s. The Club operates from a modern clubhouse with a reception, training rooms, hangar and bar-lounge and plenty of instructors on site for all training needs.

The aero club movement was established in 1932 shortly before WWII. Among those present was Mrs. Hilda Hewlett, the first female pilot to hold a pilot's license in the British Empire. She was elected the first president of the Tauranga Aero Club. At the time, the club's charter was to *promote aviation to the wider public* and this remains a foundation of the club charter today. Although aviation is well established in today's society, there is probably less need to promote the new, exciting, and slightly crazy fad of charging around the sky in biplanes. The club exists today to give access to aircraft at a reasonable cost to club members, as a social club, a commercial operation, to provide a career pathway for young pilots aspiring to an airline career, and to introduce as many people as possible to the joy of learning to fly.

Membership of the club is deep and varied. Many club members are private pilots, but there are also topdressing pilots, active domestic and international airline pilots, retired 747 training captains, flying instructors, aircraft engineers, and all manner of aviation buffs. The bar is open on club nights every Friday and Sunday, where all members are welcome to come along and talk shop.

How Much Does it Cost?

Flying lessons are paid according to the amount of time the aircraft engine is running, as recorded by an air switch meter in the aircraft. If you are a member our current aircraft rate for a C152 is $288/hr and $65.00/hr for a B-cat instructor. If you choose not to become a member, then there is 20% surcharge on flight costs. Membership costs $180 per year and we welcome new members.

As Tauranga is a controlled aerodrome, all aircraft landing here must pay a landing fee (for the owner of the airfield – your friendly local council) and airways fee (for air traffic control). For the two-seater trainer this works out to $5.10 and $11, respectively. So, for your average dual training flight (Including preflight, briefing & debrief) you can expect to pay:

Instructor Time	-	1.5 hours @ $65.00/hour = $97.50
Aircraft time	-	0.7 hours @ $288/hour = $201.60
Airways fee	-	$11.00
Landing fee	-	$7.50
Total cost	-	$317.60

(At times, a small fuel surcharge may apply. Any cancellations made within 24 hours will incur a fee.)

New Zealand Level 6 Diploma in Aviation, Instructor Strand.

If you are a career focused pilot and choose to complete your C-Category Instructor Rating and Instrument Rating you will be eligible for the New Zealand Level 6 Diploma in Aviation, Instructor Strand through ServiceIQ.
ServiceIQ is New Zealand's official Industry Training Organisation (ITO) involving aviation. They are able to identify and cross credit what we cover here at the Tauranga Aero Club through obtaining your PPL, CPL, Instructor Rating, and Instrument Rating. All the exams, qualifications, and licences you gain can be transferred to NZQA credits towards the Level 6 Diploma in Aviation, Instructor Strand.
For all the work that ServiceIQ does cross crediting and examining all your qualifications, they only charge around $1,500.00 for the Level 6 Diploma in Aviation, Instructor Strand, which is well worth it. Funding may be available for this amount for those who are just beginning their journey. Contact us to find out more.

Is there an employment opportunity on completion of the course with the club?

Depending on performance of the instructor rating course and on the aero club's requirement for any new staff it may be possible to work or the club. However, please keep in mind an employment opportunity is not promised and is solely dependent on requirement of staff by the club.

Estimated Cost for C Category Instructor Rating:

• 25 Hours Dual:	$10,575
• Airways and Landing Fees:	$1,200
• Aspeq Flight Test Fee	$1,765
• Instructional Techniques Course	$1,208
• Ground Theory	$5,000
• B-cat Spin Training	$643
• Revision	$5,000
Total:	**$25,391**

Estimated Cost for 50 hours Pic: (if required)

• 50 Hours Solo:	$18,150
Grand Total:	**$43,541**

This estimate is based on 25 hours dual instruction at the T.A.C member rate. Also remember that you will have to build your PIC to 150 hours, you may need less than 50 to do this. Flying is competency based, total cost may vary, all of the above prices are subject to change without notice and include GST.

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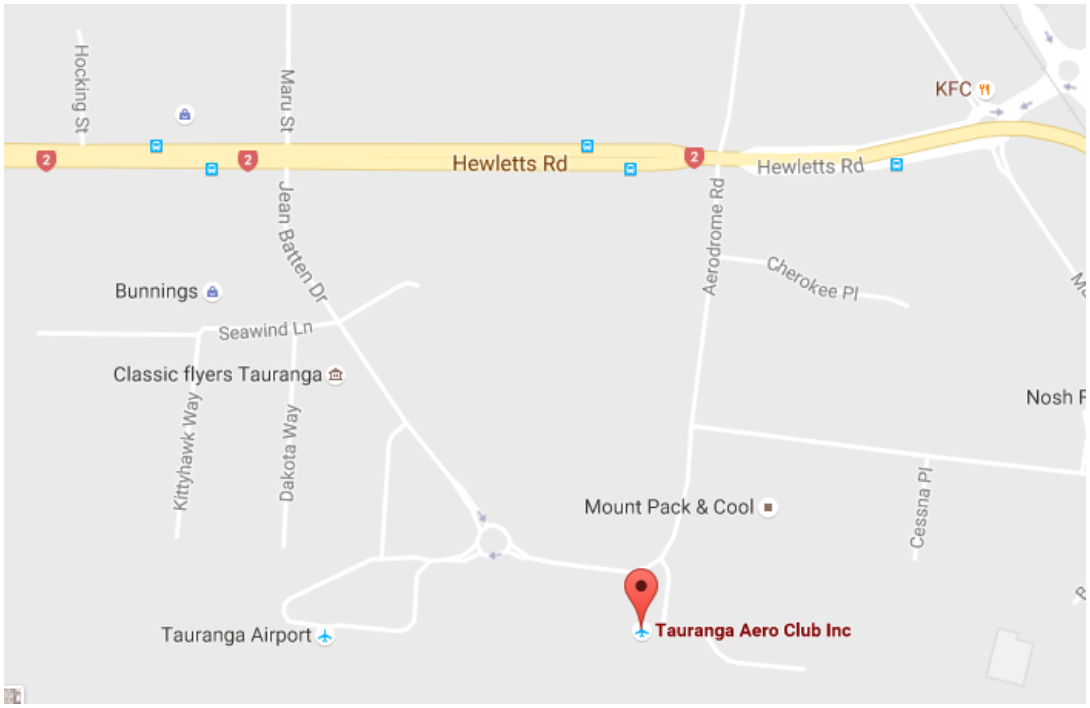
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