

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Admissions

What is the admission process?

First you need to submit the [online application](#) at any time from your home country. If you meet the criteria of the online application, you'll be invited to attend various assessments in Dubai. If you complete these successfully, you'll receive an offer letter to join the Emirates Flight Training Academy.

1. What is the application process?

The application is on our [website](#). You'll be asked to create a candidate profile. This lets you save each step of your application. Our admissions team will review your application at every step and will either:

- Approve the step: this means you can move to the next step
- Ask for more information: a few clarifications or some more details about your uploaded documents
- Notify you by email if you haven't made it this time

2. What documents do I need for the online application?

You will be asked to upload clear colour copies of the following documents:

- Passport copy, valid for more than 6 months
- Passport photo
- Official high school transcript (Grade 12 mark sheet in English)

4. What does the assessment process involve?

If you meet the criteria in the online application, you'll be invited to attend the assessment process at EFTA in Dubai. The EFTA assessment is scheduled over Five working days and consists of the following steps:

- Day 1 Physics, Mathematics and Psychometrics test
- Day 2 Interview & compass testing
- Day 3 & 4 General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) Medical Examinations
- Day 5 English language Assessment

5. Do I need to travel to Dubai for the assessments?

Yes, the assessment is conducted in person at EFTA in Dubai.

6. Do I have to arrange for my own travel and accommodation?

Yes, you will need to make your own travel and accommodation arrangements at your own cost once your assessment is scheduled with EFTA.

7. Can I apply for a class only?

We provide ATPL training only and not standalone classes.

8. How can I follow up with my application status?

You will receive your application status in an email after each step of the process.

9. If I am unsuccessful during the assessment, will any of the paid fees be reimbursed?

The paid assessment fee is non-refundable.

10. Will EFTA assist me with the visa to attend the assessment?

No, applicants are responsible for obtaining their own visit to attend the assessment.

11. How can I pay for the assessment fees?

You can pay conveniently and securely online through the application portal.

12. In which currency should I pay the assessment fees?

Assessment fees are charged in UAE dirhams.

13. If I am successful, when can I join the training course?

We run courses throughout the year. If you're successful you can join the next available course, taking into consideration the time needed to complete all the required formalities. We'll inform you of any specific details when your successful application has been confirmed.

If you're unable to join the course you are offered for any reason, then you have one year from receiving the offer letter to join a course.

Requirements

14. What are the requirements to become an EFTA cadet?

- You must be between 17 – 26 years old
- You must have completed secondary education (high school) with passes in English, Maths and Physics.
- Your English language proficiency must meet or exceed TOEFL 510 or 5.5 per element for IELTS or iBT 65.
- You need to be at least 160cm in height and medically fit.
- International applicants: Have to be eligible for a UAE student visa and should be able to sponsor your training.
- UAE-National applicants: Should hold a valid UAE passport and Khulasat Al Qaid
 - Male UAE-National applicants must have completed the Military service/exemption letter for the only son

15. Do you accept IELTS or TOEFL?

We accept both. The minimum required score is 510 for TOEFL and 5.5 per element for IELTS. Additionally, we accept 65 for iBT.

16. When am I expected to submit the TOEFL/IELTS certificate?

All the required documents must be submitted prior to the course commencement date.

17. I have my ICAO certificate, am I still required to provide the TOEFL/IELTS certificate?

Yes, the TOEFL/IELTS is required for the theoretical knowledge training.

18. What is the highest level of education required?

Applicants must have completed high school (grade 12) at a minimum.

19. What is the age limit for applicants?

The minimum age is 17 years old at the time of application, and the maximum age for applying is 26.

20. Can a cadet currently studying at another flight training academy transfer and carry on the course in EFTA?

The Integrated ATPL course is designed for ab-initio students, with no prior flight experience. No credits for previous experience will be considered at EFTA, therefore all students are required to complete the course in full no matter what their background is.

21. I hold a Private Pilot Licence (PPL). Does this give me any credit towards my flying hours?

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22. I hold a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL). Does this give me any credit towards my flying hours?
For the time being, we don't offer any courses for CPL holders.

23. I have a valid class 1 medical from the CAA / FAA. Am I still required to do the GCAA medical again in Dubai?

Yes, to comply with local regulations, you will need to undergo the GCAA medical examinations.

The Programme

24. How long is the course?

The Emirates Flight Training Academy ATPL course duration is approximately 113 weeks and is divided into a theoretical knowledge course and practical flying.

25. What does the training entail?

The training consists of the following programmes:

- Aviation Sciences course, which introduces you to the technical and theoretical aspects of aviation (UAE National Cadet Pilot Programme only.)
- ATPL Integrated Programme, which consists of ATPL ground school, single-engine flight training, multi-engine jet flight training, MCC and LOFT
- Single-engine training including classroom, simulator and aircraft training on the Cirrus SR 22 G6
- Multi-engine training including classroom instruction, simulator training and aircraft training on the Embraer P100EV Phenom twin jet aircraft
- Multi-crew cooperation training, including classroom instruction and simulator training, where you will learn how to interact in a multi-crew flight deck environment.

26. When will the assessment start?

Admission days will be published on our website.

27. Is the training full-time or part-time?

EFTA ATPL training is a full-time course. The training is conducted daily.

28. Is the International Cadets Programme the same as the course for UAE nationals?

International cadets undergo the exact same training as UAE nationals.

29. What aircraft types are used for the training?

For the single-engine training, students will use the Cirrus SR22 G6 aircraft and the multi-engine training will be with the Embraer P100EV Phenom twin jet aircraft.

Finance

30. What are the course fees?

The course training fee is USD 181,650 including 5% VAT.

31. Does EFTA provide scholarships?

The training is self-sponsored. We don't offer scholarships or financial programmes.

32. Is the course free for UAE nationals?

UAE nationals are sponsored by Emirates in a bonded scheme as part of the UAE National Cadet Pilot Programme. The airline is committed to advancing its Emiratisation strategy and providing growth opportunities by training and developing local Emirati talent to support the aviation industry, as well as the broader UAE economy's future requirements.

33. Can I enrol in the academy for free if I am an Emirates employee?

Emirates employees are welcome to apply, however international applicants will still be on a self-sponsored basis.

34. In which currency should I pay the training fees?

Training fees are charged in US dollars.

35. What does the training fee include?

The training fee includes the full training programme, training materials, student visa, accommodation, uniform and three daily meals for the entire training period. The fee excludes medical insurance. Details of the inclusions are stated in the training contract that you will need to sign on admission.

36. Will EFTA sponsor my visa if I am selected?

Yes, we will sponsor your student visa for the entire training period.

37. I have my own accommodation; can I exclude the accommodation fee?

Cadets are required to live at the Academy for the duration of their training, and so the package includes accommodation fees.

Certification

38. What type of pilot license will I have when I graduate?

Once you complete the training, you will obtain an ATPL course completion certificate and Multi Crew Cooperation (MCC) course completion certificate from EFTA, and a Commercial Pilot Licence with Multi Instrument Rating (CPL/Multi IR) approved by the General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE.

39. Does this certification count as a degree?

The licence is not associated with a degree and is a standalone flying licence.

About EFTA

40. Will I be guaranteed employment with Emirates or flydubai after graduation?

We don't offer any employment guarantees with Emirates or flydubai.

Facilities

41. Can I have a tour of the academy?

You're welcome to visit our state-of-the-art facility to ask questions and have a tour. Our working hours are from Monday to Thursday 0800 – 1530 and on Friday, 0800 – 1500. Please make an appointment before you visit.

42. What is included in the accommodation?

You'll have your own modern studio apartment. It's a 36-square metre studio with a comfortable living and dining area, kitchenette, en-suite walk-in shower, closet space, double bed and a study station with a desk. Amenities include electricity, water, air conditioning, wireless internet and a 49-inch LCD TV. Security is available 24/7.

43. Is it mandatory to live in the accommodation?

Yes, it is mandatory to live at the Academy for the duration of your training and you can leave for the weekend.

44. Is there separate accommodation for men and women?

Yes, women and men are housed on separate floors.

45. Is there security at the accommodation?

Yes, security is available throughout the Academy, including accommodation, 24/7.

46. Are meals provided?

Yes, all meals are provided throughout the duration of your training.

47. Are special dietary needs catered for? (halal, vegetarian, vegan, GF, allergies)

Yes, tell us if you have a special dietary need. All the meals served at EFTA are halal.

48. What other facilities are available at EFTA?

EFTA is a fully integrated facility that caters to all your needs during your stay. The facilities include a recruitment centre, an aviation medical clinic, state-of-the-art teaching facilities, and offices.

The flight operations centre includes a runway, a taxiway, a maintenance hangar, a private air traffic control tower, and a rescue and firefighting facility.

The residential area includes the accommodation halls, a recreation hall, a dining hall, a mini mart, a Costa coffee shop, a fitness centre and spa, as well as a temperature controlled outdoor swimming pool.

49. Are cadets allowed to leave the facilities?

You will be required to stay on campus during the week unless you need to attend to an emergency. You can check out on Friday afternoon after classes and are expected to check back in at EFTA on Sunday evening (23:00). At the weekend and on holidays a curfew of 23:00 applies to respect all the cadets living on campus and maintain a peaceful training environment.

50. Are guests allowed in the accommodation?

Guests are welcome in the public areas of EFTA (the main atrium, cadet lounge, dining hall, and Costa coffee) between the hours of 07:00 and 19:00. Guests are not allowed in the residence halls.

Careers

51. How can I apply for a career at EFTA?

Please visit www.emiratesgroupcareers.com to view and apply for the available positions.