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First Steps

To get off on the right foot and make your training as efficient and effective as possible, please complete the following tasks within the first week:

1. **Register with AOPA to begin receiving six monthly Flight Training magazines, FREE!** Just register at <https://www.aopa.org/account/flighttrainingjoinform>
2. **Apply for a Student Pilot Certificate.** See me for details.
3. **Register at FAA Safety.gov.** You'll get email notices of upcoming training events, as well as access to a huge library of training and safety-related content. Definitely worth doing.
4. **Schedule an appointment with the local Aviation Medical Examiner.** Some medical conditions will disqualify you from becoming a certificated pilot, and it's best to determine that early in your training, before you spend too much money. Go to medexpress.faa.gov/medexpress to register, then call your preferred AME for an appointment.
5. **Purchase an online Ground School/Flight Training Program.** The one I highly recommend is the Cessna Private Pilot program, available at <https://cessnaflighttraining.kingschools.com/Index.aspx> (optional if you have already completed a ground school within the past twelve months)
6. Bring your birth certificate or unexpired passport to your first lesson. This is a TSA requirement for most flight training. If you are not an American citizen, contact me to discuss how to obtain your TSA clearance prior to the start of flight training.

Required Materials (www.sportys.com, www.aircraftspruce.com)

1. FAA Books and manuals
 - a) Pilot's Logbook
 - b) Airplane Flying Handbook
 - c) Pilots Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
 - d) FAR/AIM (Federal Aviation Regulations/Aeronautical Information Manual)
 - e) Aviation Weather
 - f) Aviation Weather Services
 - g) Los Angeles Sectional and Terminal Area charts
 - h) Southwest Chart Supplement

[?] Note: An iPad based aviation app called ForeFlight (\$199/yr) includes all the above referenced books at no additional charge – highly recommended for its many features, including navigational functions.
www.foreflight.com.
2. E6B Computer
3. Plotter

