



AIR T&G



HELICOPTERS

Helicopter flight training



Welcome to Air T&G

Thank you for considering Air T&G as a means to your helicopter flight training. A few things you'll most likely want to know about training with us....

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Quality, experience and location...

In short - we're experienced, dedicated, offer personalised training in a great location, in a range of aircraft and environments. Air T&G are a passionate school that want to see you fly to the best of your ability and will provide only the best training to our students. Give us a call or email to discuss your training further!



What Air T&G can offer you

We offer a number of training packages including; commercial and private licences, instructor ratings, fire fighting ratings and proficiency checks, low level and mustering, under slung load, night and turbine training.

Using a variety of helicopter types including the robinson r22, robinson r44, Bell 206, Bell 204/205 we are in a unique position to tailor your training to suit your goals.

The advantage of training in two different helicopter types is that on completion of your licence, you are a more rounded pilot. You will possess better handling skills through exposure to different helicopter types and a thorough knowledge of more than just one aircraft.



As far as training goes...

You will be exposed to coastal & mountainous terrain, bush flying and a good dose of varied weather conditions. The Ballina Byron gateway airport is a small, yet growing regional airport servicing multiple airlines to various capital cities.

Training here ensures exposure to varied traffic conditions without the hassles, congestion and costly delays experienced in larger cities.



The Northern Rivers region is superb

No clearances, no delays – straight into your training when you step into the helicopter. We are close enough to the Gold Coast to ensure you receive all the training, skill base and knowledge you require to operate confidently in and around the larger more congested controlled airspace. The more varied your training environment is, the more competent you'll be as a pilot.

When you're not flying, the Ballina and Byron Bay area is one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations. You've got easy access to fantastic surf beaches, fishing, great wining & dining, shopping & sporting facilities. We're also only a short drive to the Gold Coast & Brisbane. The Ballina Airport has a number of daily airline flights to Sydney and Melbourne.

Choosing your school is a big decision

After all, this will usually be your first contact with the world of rotary flight.

Air T&G will provide you with the essential knowledge, ability and ethics to enable you to fly a helicopter professionally and most importantly, safely.



Flying for fun or career

Whether you want to fly for fun, or with a career in mind, it's important that you check out your instructor's background & experience, ensuring you're in capable hands. Your instructor should have considerable industry experience

and be able to provide you with the skills, techniques & knowledge that will enable you to fly confidently in the variety of environments you will encounter as a helicopter pilot.



Flight training with experienced instructors

AIR T&G have 3 full time flight instructors, including both owners, Tim & Georgie Latimer, offering you a wide and varied range of industry experience and expertise. Chief flying instructor Tim has been flying helicopters commercially since 1993 with experience in many aspects

of the industry including cattle mustering, fire fighting operations, gas pipeline support, power line inspections, aerial surveys, aerial filming & photography, search & rescue, tourism and high altitude operations in Papua New Guinea.

Tim has been passing on his knowledge as a helicopter flight instructor since 2001. While instructing, he has enjoyed helping graduate pilots go on to rewarding careers in the helicopter industry, both in Australia and overseas. He has provided sound advice for those wanting to purchase a helicopter for their own enjoyment.

Georgie has been flying since 2003, with experience in the Northern Territory, Western Queensland, including mustering, aerial survey operations, tourism, and of course flight training as a Grade 1 flight instructor.

Both Tim and Georgie are passionate about producing quality pilots in the industry. They want to make sure that when you finish your training, you're ready for employment with solid foundations to make a good pilot!

At Air T&G, you can be confident that your instruction will be of the highest standard and you will remain in experienced hands throughout your flight training.





Theory

Air T&G can recommend some exceptional theory school options for you that provide full time courses. This way you'll have your theory completed before practical training.

Alternatively you can self study your theory whilst training, which is another option for you. Call us to discuss your theory options.



Industry contacts and exposure to real commercial operations

Having plenty of experience working throughout Australia and Papua New Guinea, as well as conducting regular safety training and checking to many charter and mustering operators across Australia, we can provide you with sound industry contacts to help secure your first job as a pilot. Having these contacts puts you in a great position to gain a valuable start in a highly competitive industry.

Being a commercial operation that carries out a wide range of activities including helicopter tours, photography/filming, aerial surveys, flood and fire support, we are able to provide you with invaluable industry exposure.

Our students have the opportunity to assist with joy flight events, general commercial operations and in-house servicing. This has proved to be an invaluable introduction to the workings of the commercial helicopter environment.





Personalised learning environment

It has been our experience that in larger groups people are more reluctant to ask questions or contribute. For this reason, Air T&G prefer to provide one-on-one classroom instruction, thus ensuring the optimum learning environment for your training.

We generally take on only 3-4 full time students at any one time to ensure you get the maximum benefit whilst you train.

We have found that by limiting our class numbers, we produce a higher quality and more competent pilot.

Our flexible instruction hours means you can train all weekend if you need, making life as a student that much easier, particularly if you are juggling work as well.

Our school atmosphere also has a fun, family feel to it, making your whole training experience an enjoyable one!





How long will it take?

This really depends on you, your personal schedule and how you adapt to the helicopter and/or the theory.

Your course & training times are as flexible as you need to them to be. You may want to attend full time or part time, it's really up to you.

Training full time could take you anywhere from five to twelve months. Training part time may take longer. How often you wish to train is entirely up to you. As stated before, our school is extremely flexible and able to cater to your specific needs.

Generally, every lesson involves a preflight briefing, followed by a post flight inspection & discussion.

The amount of effort you put into your training will also reflect how long it takes. We will provide you with the highest quality instruction in a superb learning environment; however, it is you who needs to be prepared to put in the hard yards for your exams and flight training. By putting in the effort, you will reap the rewards.



Accommodation

Air T&G have a student accommodation house available, located just a 5 minute drive from the airport, and conveniently located near shopping centres.

if you require accommodation when you come to train at Ballina, just let us know and we can book you into one of our rooms; its one less thing for you to organise!



Life after training

Once you graduate, there are many options for you as a pilot. If you're flying for recreation, you may want to consider purchasing your own helicopter, or possibly hiring ours whenever you feel the need to get a buzz!

If you've completed a commercial license and are looking for that all important first job, be prepared to do some hard work.

Getting a job as an entry level pilot is competitive; however there are jobs out there for the right pilots with the right attitude.

If you've completed your commercial licence and looking for your first job, you may have to take a long drive around to meet potential employers. Having been there & done it, we can tell you - this is a smart move. Introduce yourself to employers and be prepared to do the hard yards first.

In our time as a flight school, nearly all commercial pilots have gained full time employment immediately after graduating.



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We look forward to training you soon

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