

# **C Category Instructor Rating**



Welcome to the Tauranga Aero Club. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and get as much from your flying as we have from ours. 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
- 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, similar to a well established baseball team or football club. Although the club is run along commercial lines there are no shareholders and it does not exist to make a profit. The club is administered by a committee which is elected by the club members. The club operates four aircraft – three two seat trainers and a four seat cross country machine. It also has access to several other light aircraft through commercial agreements, including twin engine aircraft. The club rooms consist of the hangar, offices, briefing room, showers and kitchen facilities, fully licenced bar, and the club rooms themselves. Three full time

flying instructors are employed by the club and are on duty seven days a week (we close Christmas day and some statutory holidays)

The aero club movement was established shortly after WWII. At the time its charter was to “promote aviation to the wider public”. This still remains a foundation of the club charter today, although aviation is well established in today’s society and 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 instructors 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 30,000+ hour 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 and you 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. Our current dual instruction rate is \$263.50/hour of engine run time if you are a member, and \$316.20/hour for non-members. Solo rates are \$215 for members and \$258 for non-members. Membership costs \$150/year and we welcome new members. Also, there is a \$48.50 per hour charge for any preflight briefings (not all flights involve a preflight briefing). Most briefings are around 20minutes therefore each one will only cost around \$19.40.

As Tauranga is a controlled aerodrome, all aircraft landing here have to 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 \$4.60 and \$9.00 respectively. So, for a 42-minute dual training flight expect to pay the following:

Ground briefing	-	0.4 hours @ \$48.50/hour = \$19.40
Airborne time	-	0.7 hours @ \$263.50/hour = \$205.45
Airways fee	-	\$9.50
Landing fee	-	\$4.60

Total cost - \$238.95

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

### ***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 clubs 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 dependant on requirement of staff by the club.

### ***How do I contact you?***

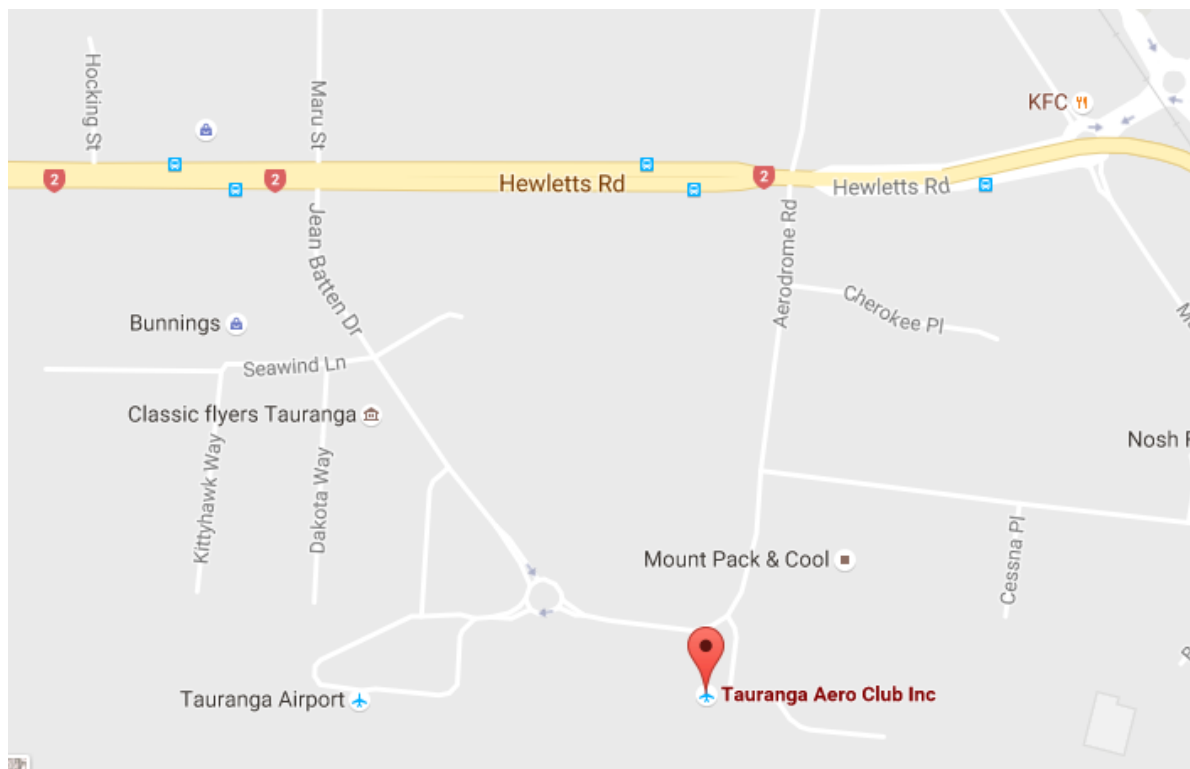
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Address -240 Aerodrome Road, Tauranga Airport, Mount Manganui

Or drop in and see us any time





**Estimated Cost for C Category Instructor Rating:**

• 25 Hours Dual:	\$6,875.50
• Airways and Landing Fees:	\$1,200
• ASL Flight Test Fee	\$1,497.60
• Instructional Techniques Course	\$998.20
• Ground Theory	\$2500
• B-cat Spin Training	\$380.00
• Revision (rough estimate)	\$2,000

**Total:** **\$15,451.30**

**Estimated Cost for 50 hours Pic:**

• 50 Hours Solo:	\$10,750
• Airways and Landing Fees:	\$705

**Total:** **\$11,500**

**Grand Total:** **\$26,903.30**

*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. Flying is competency based, total cost may vary, all of the above prices are subject to change without notice and include GST.*