



VETERANS INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Approved by the Federal Aviation Administration under FAR Part 141.

Exempted by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Programs approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
to train veterans, servicepersons, reservists, and authorized dependents
under provisions of Title 38, U. S. Code.

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Supersedes Alyeska Helicopters, LLC. Veterans Information Bulletin dated prior to 1 March 2014.
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All material contained in this bulletin are true and correct in content and policy.

Signature of School Official: Jaral M. Modell

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY, ADMINISTRATORS, AND FACULTY

A. Owner

Alyeska Helicopters, LLC.

B. Directors:

Mr. Keith Essex, Director of Operations

C. Administrative Officials

Mrs. Amanda Adams, Manager, Registrar, Veterans Record Clerk, VA Certifying Official

Mrs. Tarah Modrell, Office Manager, Registrar, Veterans Record Clerk, VA Certifying Official

D. Instructors

Mr. Andy Wallace, Chief Flight Instructor

Mr. Kevin Brashar, Chief/Assistant Chief Flight Instructor

Mr. Ben Briceland, Flight Instructor

Mr. Jason Collins, Flight Instructor

Mr. Turner Pahl, Flight Instructor

INSTITUTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

At Alyeska Helicopters our goal is to specialize in personalized flight instruction tailored to the individual needs of our students. We strive to maintain the highest level of training and to ensure each student carries forth an uncompromised dedication to safety. We are committed to producing highly competent, well-trained pilots for personal leisure or for the competitive job market.

INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

A. The school consists of one hangar and one administrative office. There are two ground training classrooms, one with a capacity of 4 students and one with a capacity of 8 students. Teaching equipment sufficient to meet educational needs is present in both classrooms. Restrooms are located in the administrative building. Our FLY-IT Simulator is located at the Medallion Foundation's training facility.

B. Formal ground school is conducted at this facility only.

C. Aircraft Inventory

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Horse Power</u>	<u>Leased</u>	<u>Owned</u>
Robinson	R22	131		1
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Robinson	R22	131		1
Robinson	R44	225		1
FLY-IT Simulator	RC182	N/A	1	

(For VA reporting purposes, the hours of training in flight simulators and flight training devices are dual instruction.)

NOTE: Except for minor substitutions a veteran, serviceperson, reservist, or authorized dependent enrolled in a flight course may train only in the aircraft (a/c) approved for that course. If a particular a/c is not available for some compelling reason, the student may be permitted to train in an a/c different from that approved for the course, provided the a/c substituted will adequately meet the training requirements for this particular phase of the course. If the charge for the substituted a/c is different from the charge approved for the inventoried a/c, the reimbursement will be based on the

lesser charge. When substitution becomes the practice rather than the exception, VA will suspend payments.

APPROVED COURSE USE

	Instrument	Commercial	Certificated Flight Instruction	Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument
Robinson R22		x	x	
Robinson R44	x	x	x	x

D. Leasing

A veteran, serviceperson, reservist, or authorized dependent or group (all or part of whom are veteran, serviceperson, reservist, or authorized dependent) owning an aircraft may lease it to this flight school and have exclusive use of the aircraft for flight training. The aircraft must meet the requirements prescribed for all aircraft to be used in the course and must be listed in the approved aircraft inventory. The leasing arrangement should not result in charges for flight instruction for those owning the aircraft greater than charges made to others not leasing an aircraft to the school.

INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

Flight and Ground training is conducted Monday through Sunday in accordance with instructor availability.

ENROLLMENT POLICY

Students may enroll any day the school is open. Students must possess the appropriate ratings and/or certificates and must meet the medical requirements for Commercial pilot certification (Class I for ATP) at the time training begins. A Veteran, serviceperson, reservist, or authorized dependent must be in pursuit of a vocational objective in aviation in order to qualify for VA education benefits (*benefits for ancillary, avocational or recreational objectives are not payable*).

CREDIT EVALUATION POLICY

A written record of any previous training will be maintained in the student’s file. The Chief Flight Instructor will grant credit as appropriate for all previous training and shorten the veterans, servicepersons, reservists, or authorized dependents flight course proportionately. Even when an FAA regulation indicates that it is not required, an analysis of prior credit must be performed for the purpose of VA payment. Evaluation of prior credit may be based upon a review of training records and other transcripts, oral and/or written examination, flight check or a combination thereof. Any credit granted shall be indicated on an enrollment certification, and the student shall be notified.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A. Veterans, servicepersons, reservists, or authorized dependents receiving federal educational assistance benefits under Title 38, U.S. code, are required by VA to complete a minimum of 15 hours of instruction per quarter (defined as every 90-day period following the date training began) Exceptions may be granted due to weather, illness or other unavoidable circumstances and must be documented in the student file to be considered acceptable.

B. Veterans, servicepersons, reservists, or authorized dependents failing to meet these quarterly minimums will be placed on probation for the following 90-day period. If the student, during the probationary period, again fails to meet these minimums they will be terminated for the purpose of VA

payment effective the last day of that quarter. A student may be reenrolled only after evidence is shown that the conditions relating to unsatisfactory attendance have been rectified.

PROGRESS POLICY

A. VA requires that a school has, and enforces standards of progress for VA beneficiaries. The school grading system for flight and ground training is as follows:

Excellent	1	95-100%
Above Average	2	85-94%
Average	3	75-84%
Below Average	4	70-74%
Unsatisfactory	5	69% and below

B. The grade average required for completion of a course is a minimum average passing grade of 3 for ground training and 3 for flight training. When the grade average of a VA beneficiary is unsatisfactory for a calendar month, he/she will be counseled and placed on academic probation until the end of the next calendar month. If the grade average is still unsatisfactory at the end of the next calendar month, the student will be terminated for the purpose of VA payment and VA so notified.

C. Reenrollment may be approved by the Chief Flight Instructor only after evidence is shown that conditions which caused the interruption for unsatisfactory progress have been rectified.

D. A Statement of Progress record is maintained by the facility and provided to the student upon request.

E. Students will receive a graduation certificate upon successful completion of course.

CONDUCT POLICY

A. The student will at all times comply with Federal Aviation Regulations and applicable airport course rules. A course rules brief will be provided to the student by competent authority prior to actual flight training and as needed thereafter. Violation of FAA rules and regulations is cause for dismissal.

B. The student shall, at all times when on the airfield, conduct themselves in a responsible and orderly manner, and shall appear for training in a sober and receptive condition. Violation of these conditions is cause for dismissal.

C. Student grievances will be handled by the Chief Flight Instructor if the matter is an instructional problem or by the manager if the grievance is administrative in nature. Students may refer grievances unresolved by the flight school to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education or the Veterans Administration as appropriate.

TRAINING SYLLABUS

A student at the time of enrollment must receive a copy of the FSDO approved Training Course Outline (TCO) as required under FAR 141.55(b). Contact the chief flight instructor immediately if the TCO is not provided for you.

SOLO FLIGHT TIME AND CARRYING PASSENGERS

Passengers shall not be carried on any solo flights as specified in the Training Course Outline during any phase of training. "Solo" flight is defined as the pilot alone in the aircraft. "Pilot in Command" may be applied to the solo requirement provided only persons authorized by the school are on board the aircraft.

REFUND POLICY

This school maintains a policy of refunding the unused portion of tuition, fees, and other charges in the event the eligible person fails to enter the course, or withdraws or is discontinued there from at any time prior to completion. The amount charged to the eligible person for tuition, fees, and other charges for a portion of the course may not exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees, and other charges. The length of the completed portion of the course should bear to its total length. However, no more than \$10.00 may be retained as a registration fee.

VA EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Although the term "Veteran" is generally used to describe recipients of VA education benefits, students who qualify to receive education benefits for flight programs could be eligible servicepersons, veterans, reservists, or authorized dependents. Persons eligible to benefits under the Dependents Educational Assistance program (DEA, or Chapter 35) are not eligible to education benefits for any vocational flight program. However, certain dependents eligible under the Transfer Of Entitlement (TOE) provision of Chapter 33 could potentially receive benefits for an approved flight program. Benefits for vocational flight training under Part 141 cannot be paid to persons eligible to benefits under the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP).

An eligible student may receive education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for approved flight training; however, the amount of benefit payable is based on the type of education benefit program the student is qualified to receive. There are several benefit types currently paid by VA:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB, or Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, or Chapter 1606)
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP, or Chapter 1607)

Detailed descriptions & eligibility requirements for each benefit program administered by VA are online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

VA pays 60% of all authorized flight charges for students eligible under Chapters 30 & 1606. Benefits under Chapter 1607 are paid at the rate of 24%, 36%, and 48% of all authorized flight charges for eligible students. The percentage VA pays for this benefit is contingent upon the length of active duty service the student completed. Also, VA could potentially pay up to 100% of approved flight costs for certain students eligible under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33). For flight training which began between October 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012, there is an academic yearly cap of \$10,000 under Chapter 33. For flight training beginning during the 2013 academic year (August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013), the cap is \$10,330 under Chapter 33. Education benefits paid under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) for any approved flight training completed by the student are paid directly to the flight school, and not to the student; however, this is only accurate for Chapter 33.

For all benefits the allowance is paid monthly by VA to the student (or to the school in the case of Chapter 33) based upon actual training certified by the flight school as indicated on VA Form 22-6553c, "Monthly Certification of Flight Training". For Chapters 30, 1606, and 1607 entitlement is

charged based on the rate of one month for a benefit amount equal to the full-time institutional rate. For payments issued for flight training paid under Chapter 33 entitlement is charged relative to the academic yearly cap. For the 2013 AY one month of entitlement would be charged for every \$860.83 paid (\$10,330 divided by 12 months = \$860.83). The Chapter 33 academic year cap that was in effect when a student began a flight program will remain in effect until that student begins a new flight program in a subsequent academic year.

No reimbursement is made for books, examination fees, housing, or other charges. Additional hours for FAA check rides may not be reimbursed for a flight course unless the FAA requires that a licensed pilot be present during the flight test. Advanced pay is not authorized for flight training courses.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE COST

A. Maximum reimbursable costs are based on the most expensive aircraft approved for a particular course. For example, the Commercial pilot course is approved for 85 hours of solo flight training in the 360 horsepower Piper Seminole at \$170.00 per hour. However, a student will typically train utilizing a far less expensive aircraft such as the Cessna 152 or Piper Warrior. **Specific aircraft rates are available in the course descriptions contained in this bulletin and prices may vary (but cannot exceed VA approved limits) according to current fuel prices and aircraft availability.**

B. Maximum reimbursable cost pricing is a means of providing more flexibility to flight school operators and students for designing an instructional program within the limitations of an FAA approved TCO and the law regarding payment of veterans benefits.

C. Alyeska Helicopters, LLC. rates listed in this catalog are current and effective as of 1 June 2013.

SIMULATOR TRAINING

For VA reporting purposes, the hours of training in flight simulators and flight training devices are dual instruction.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Veterans, servicepersons, reservists, and authorized dependents may receive educational benefits for flight training provided that the individual also meets the medical requirements of a commercial pilot's license. VA regulations require that in order to receive benefits for flight training, a student **MUST** hold a Class II medical certificate upon enrollment. A student pursuing an Airline Transport Pilot course must have a Class I medical certificate at the beginning of the enrollment.

TO CONTACT VA

For more information or for resolution of specific payment problems the veteran, serviceperson, reservist, or authorized dependent should call the VA's Education nationwide toll free number at 1-888-GI-Bill-1 (1-888-442-4551), or visit their website at www.gibill.va.gov

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INSTRUMENT RATING - Helicopter

1. **Entrance requirements:** Hold at least a Class II medical certificate, a private pilot license and be concurrently enrolled in the Commercial pilot course. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

NOTE: By statute (38 U.S.C. 3452), an individual receiving VA educational assistance must be pursuing a vocational, educational, or professional objective. If the instrument rating course were allowed to be taken first, there would be no assurance that it was taken for purposes of reaching a vocational, educational, or professional objective. Instead, it could be taken merely to add a rating to a private pilot certificate, which is not considered evidence of such an objective. By requiring that both courses be taken simultaneously, VA is helping to ensure that a student has made a commitment and is using his or her benefits to achieve a vocational objective.

This is the only instance where this procedure will be followed. This will allow payment of VA education benefits while complying with FAA requirements.

2. Authorized Aircraft and Hourly Rates:

Dual	225 HP	RC182			
	\$545.00	\$65.00			
Hours					
35	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$19,075.00	
30	ground training @	\$50.00	=	1,500.00	
8.75	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	437.50	
		Authorized	=	\$21,012.50	
		Charges			

3. Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. Personal Equipment:

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment and are not included in the above. Cost of these items will vary depending on the type selected.

COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE - Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate, a private pilot license with Instrument rating or be concurrently enrolled in the Instrument rating course. Demonstrated ability to read, speak, and understand the English language.

2. **Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:**

	131 HP	225HP	RC 182
Dual	\$290.00	\$545.00	\$65.00
Solo	\$250.00	\$495.00	\$0.00

Hours					
30	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$16,350.00	
10	solo training @	\$495.00	=	4,950.00	
30	ground training @	\$50.00	=	1,500.00	
10	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	500.00	
		Authorized		<u>\$23,300.00</u>	
		Charges			

3. **Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:**

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. **Personal Equipment:**

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment and are not included in the above. Cost of these items will vary depending on the type selected. **Hourly rates shown are the maximum rates for the most costly aircraft in the horsepower category. Other less expensive aircraft may be used and charges will be at the rate applicable for the specific aircraft used.**

CERTIFICATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR (CFI) – Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold a commercial or airline transport pilot certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. **Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:**

Dual	131HP \$290.00	225 HP \$545.00	RC 182 \$65.00		
Hours					
25	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$13,625.00	
40	ground training @	\$50.00	=	2,000.00	
6.25	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	312.50	
		Authorized		<u>\$15,937.50</u>	
		Charges			

NOTE: ground training may include 5 hours of “practice ground instruction.”

3. **Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:**

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. **Personal Equipment:**

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment and are not included in the above. Cost of these items will vary depending on the type selected. **Hours rate shown is the maximum rate for the most costly aircraft in the horsepower category. Other less expensive aircraft may be used and charges will be at the rate applicable for the specific aircraft used.**

CERTIFICATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR-INSTRUMENT (CFII) – Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold a commercial or airline transport pilot certificate and instrument rating or privilege on the flight instructor certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:

	225 HP	RC182
Dual	\$545.00	\$65.00

Hours				
20	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$10,900.00
15	ground training @	\$50.00	=	750.00
5	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	250.00
		Authorized		<u>\$11,900.00</u>
		Charges		

NOTE: ground training may include 5 hours of “practice ground instruction.”

3. Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. Personal Equipment:

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INSTRUMENT RATING ADD-ON - Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold an instrument pilot airplane certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. **Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:**

	225 HP	RC182
Dual	\$545.00	\$65.00

Hours					
15	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$8,175.00	
20	ground training @	\$50.00	=	1,000.00	
3.75	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	187.50	
		Authorized		<u>\$9,362.50</u>	
		Charges			

3. **Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:**

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. **Personal Equipment:**

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COMMERCIAL RATING ADD-ON - Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold a commercial pilot airplane certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:

	131 HP	225HP	RC182
Dual	\$290.00	\$545.00	\$65.00
Solo	\$250.00	\$495.00	\$0.00

Hours					
30	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$16,350.00	
5	solo flight time @	\$495.00	=	2,475.00	
20	ground training @	\$50.00	=	1,000.00	
8.75	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	437.50	
		Authorized		<u>\$20,262.50</u>	
		Charges			

3. Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. Personal Equipment:

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment and are not included in the above. Cost of these items will vary depending on the type selected. **Hours rate shown is the maximum rate for the most costly aircraft in the horsepower category. Other less expensive aircraft may be used and charges will be at the rate applicable for the specific aircraft used.**

CERTIFICATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR ADD-ON - Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold a commercial pilot airplane certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. **Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:**

	131 HP	225 HP	RC182		
Dual	\$290.00	\$545.00	\$65.00		
Hours					
25	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$13,625.00	
20	ground training @	\$50.00	=	1,000.00	
6.25	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	312.50	
		Authorized		<u>\$14,937.50</u>	
		Charges			

3. **Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:**

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. **Personal Equipment:**

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CERTIFICATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR-INSTRUMENT ADD-ON - Helicopter

1. **Entrance Requirements:** Be at least 18 years of age at time of FAA check flight, hold at least a Class II medical certificate and hold a commercial pilot airplane certificate and instrument rating or privilege on the flight instructor certificate. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

2. **Authorized Aircraft and hourly rates:**

	225 HP	RC 182
Dual	\$545.00	\$65.00

Hours				
20	dual flight time @	\$545.00	=	\$10,900.00
15	ground training @	\$50.00	=	750.00
5	pre/post @	\$50.00	=	250.00
		Authorized		<u>\$11,900.00</u>
		Charges		

3. **Additional costs NOT reimbursable by VA include:**

Books	\$200
Supplies	\$50
Equipment	\$50
Designated Examiner Fee	\$600

4. **Personal Equipment:**

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment and are not included in the above. Cost of these items will vary depending on the type selected. **Hours rate shown is the maximum rate for the most costly aircraft in the horsepower category. Other less expensive aircraft may be used and charges will be at the rate applicable for the specific aircraft used.**

PROOF OF ISSUE

I have received a copy of the Alyeska Helicopters, LLC. Veterans Information Bulletin revision dated 29 October 2015, containing the rules, regulations and costs for flight courses and a copy of the FAA approved Training Course Outline for the specific course in which I have enrolled.

I certify I have a current medical certificate (at least second class) appropriate for the level of training for which I am enrolling, and have provided the school with a copy. I will provide the school with a copy of each renewed medical certificate as long as I remain in training.

NAME: _____
(print)

Social Security Number or VA Claim Number: _____

Course: _____

Date: _____ Enrolled by: _____

Student Signature: _____

(must be signed by student and a copy retained on file)

