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**ACADEMY**  
YOUR TRAINING, ELEVATED.



## WELCOME TO **HELISPEED** ACADEMY

Have you ever gazed out of the window and dreamed of becoming a helicopter pilot? Well, you're not alone. Aviation training and aircraft technology continue to grow at an astonishing pace. The HeliSpeed Academy team are here to help you turn those pilot dreams into a reality.

Becoming a new or experienced helicopter pilot requires a special kind of person to succeed. At HeliSpeed Academy, we're a like-minded bunch and welcome those who, like us, thrive off a challenge and share the same enthusiasm and passion for becoming world-class helicopter pilots.

The key to success? We run structured courses, led by our highly experienced team of 'real-world' instructors. All of our students are trained alongside the newest technically advanced aircraft.

Though our courses do require a high level of commitment, determination and discipline from our students, there's no denying that the rewards far surpass all of the hard work!

We'd like to invite you to have a read through our prospectus, giving you an insight into who we are and why we should be your helicopter training partner of choice. Welcome aboard!

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## YOUR TRAINING, **ELEVATED**

In short, this sums up our entire philosophy around how we train helicopter pilots.

Most of the HeliSpeed Academy team are former helicopter pilots and instructors. We have worked all around the world for numerous training organisations and can safely say that we've seen it all in our industry - the good, the bad and the ugly.

From day one, we set out as a team to develop an academy that focuses on quality, elevating every aspect of the pilot training experience. It's our mission to offer the highest level of pilot training available, helping our students to get their pilot career off to a flying start - literally!

We genuinely care about our students and pride ourselves on creating a supportive and safe training environment. We know that if we help you to succeed and achieve the results that you've always dreamed of, you will continue to train with us over the entire course of your career.

**Elevate your training today!**



## THE HELISPEED FAMILY

We are a family, and that is the way we run our company. Even as we continue to grow, we will never compromise our commitment to maintaining an open and honest culture. From the moment you first interact with us via phone or email, through to when you complete your training (and beyond), you're a part of the HeliSpeed family. We are completely devoted to our global family of extraordinary people and are committed to supporting you throughout your pilot career.

With honesty comes the need to be constructive and fair with all our feedback. Becoming a top-level pilot is not easy and not for everyone, so we try to anticipate the challenges you will face by being very open in the advice and guidance that we give you. Your success and best interests will always be at the heart of everything we do.

**Welcome to the fascinating world of helicopters and the HeliSpeed crew!**

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## DESTINATION **BLACKPOOL**

Say hello to the bright lights of Blackpool!

Blackpool Airport is not only a fantastic aviation training destination but also home to the most popular seaside resort in the UK.

Blackpool town is located on the Lancashire coast, not far from Preston and Manchester, attracting around 12 million visitors each year.

As pilots, we trust that you don't mind heights! Blackpool Pleasure Beach has over 40 rides and attractions to choose from, including one of the highest roller coasters in the country with a 65-metre drop. Also on your doorstep is Blackpool Tower - a 158-metre high landmark, modelled on the Eiffel Tower and illuminated by 10,000 lights.

Between August and late November, you won't want to miss Blackpool's famous illuminations. The impressive (and free) light show has been on display since 1879, using over a million bulbs!

There's no shortage of things to do in Blackpool with The Sandcastle Waterpark and Stanely Park Zoo all nearby, and with over 60 trams operating over summer, it's easy to get from place to place.

There's something about Blackpool that evokes a sense of nostalgia - maybe it's the sea air, the old school arcades or smell of fish and chips. Whatever it is, we're sure that when you're not flying around the coastline, you'll find plenty to do and see here in Blackpool.





# BECOME A HELICOPTER PILOT

Not sure how to become a helicopter pilot?  
It's as easy as 1-2...6.

Six steps to becoming a helicopter pilot.

## 1. Discover why you should become a helicopter pilot

There's never been a more exciting time to become a pilot - with a growing demand for helicopter pilots worldwide. HeliSpeed Academy estimates that 255,000 new pilots will be needed over the next ten years and 50% of those pilots won't have begun their training yet, so if you're passionate about flying, now is the perfect time to learn!

## 2. Explore our programmes

Before you get started, chat to our team about the various programmes available and we'll help you find what's right for you. At HeliSpeed Academy, we'll take you from beginner level, right the way through to attaining your desired pilot license.





### 3. Apply online

To submit your application, visit our website and click 'Apply' in the section of your preferred programme. (Please check that you meet the eligibility requirements before applying.)



### 5. Obtain a Class 1 Medical Certificate

Next, you will need to obtain a Class 1 Medical Certificate from a medical examiner. Your medical test will take up to four hours and will need to be approved by the relevant national aviation authority. In some cases, this can be secured at the time of your assessment.



### 4. Pass our assessment and selection process

After you've met the eligibility requirements of your preferred programme, we'll invite you to begin our assessment and selection process. This assessment typically consists of a computer-based aptitude test.



### 6. Arrange funds & book your course start date

Though our fees are competitively priced, we recognise that pilot training can be costly. Once you've successfully passed our assessment, you may wish to explore funding solutions with one of our approved partners to alleviate the financial pressures of your training. To find out more about our partnerships with independent organisations, please get in touch.



## REAL WORLD TRAINING

Have you ever had an instructor tell you something, only to find out later that they have little experience in what they are teaching? At HeliSpeed Academy, you will be trained by our team of commercially accomplished professionals.

Regardless of your experience level, we know how important 'real world training' is. That's why our selection process to become a ground or flight instructor at HeliSpeed Academy is a rigorous one. We want to ensure that your training really is world-class and so all of our carefully selected instructors are highly experienced professionals. We have a trusted and proven name in the helicopter industry, and our long-standing relationships with operators is a result of the first-class standard of service and training we deliver.

But skill and experience are not quite enough. We also look for that special type of instructor - someone who is not only the best at what they do but also enjoys their role. Our instructors take pride in their responsibility as teachers, eager to pass on the wealth of knowledge that they've learned over the years.

Our industry depends on making sure that 'lessons learned' are never forgotten and to make flying as safe as possible. Our safety management culture is adopted worldwide and is of great benefit when our students go out into the real world of piloting.

If you join the HeliSpeed family, there's one thing you can be sure of - our team are dedicated to taking your training sky-high!

**Real-world training with HeliSpeed Academy, start today.**

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## CAREER PATHWAYS

Why do airlines have job opportunities lined up for students who have completed their Cadet training programmes, but nothing for helicopter pilots? Primarily because no other helicopter approved training organisation (ATO) have taken the time to really develop such a programme. At HeliSpeed Academy, we continue to remain at the forefront of our industry, working with operators all over the world to create multiple career pathways for our students.

With HeliSpeed, we don't just want our students to invest in training and getting their pilot license; we want to provide them with the ability to land their first job.

As a 'low hour pilot,' finding that first job doesn't come easy. Before becoming a commercial pilot, many helicopter operators will want to see you with more flying experience. At HeliSpeed Academy, we will sit down with you before you start your training and look at what type of pilot you want to be, and in what industry. Even if you don't know the answer to that question at first, our team will work with you to design a programme that will take you down that career pathway.

You may want to ferry helicopters all over the world, work in the oil & gas offshore sector, fight forest fires or be part of the helicopter emergency medical services. Whatever your dream is, HeliSpeed Academy will work with you to create a bespoke career pathway to your goals.

Start your career as a helicopter pilot today by contacting one of our Career Advisors.



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## ADVANCED TRAINING

HeliSpeed Solutions has almost 1000 pilots globally who fly for our contracted operators. Having built these strong relationships, we often get asked to run advanced training courses and pride ourselves on the wealth of diversity that we can offer from HeliSpeed Academy.

No matter what the training requirements, HeliSpeed Academy is the global one-stop-shop to both pilots and helicopter operators for all advanced training. Here are just a few of the advanced training courses we offer:

- Instrument Ratings
- Certified Flight Instructor
- Multi-Engine conversion course
- Multi-Crew Cooperation (MCC)
- Night flying
- Night Vision Goggles (NVG)
- Long line/sling load
- Hoist training
- Mountain flying and high-altitude training
- Search and Rescue training (SAR)
- Law enforcement training
- Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) training
- Firefighting training (Bambi bucket)
- Confined area operations and landings
- Military conversion courses including ELCAS
- Performance-Based Navigation (PBN)
- Offshore training
- Type Ratings

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