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Drone Training Options and Costs

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Drone Training with Aerial Imaging Scotland.

Your journey to becoming a confident, qualified drone pilot starts here. Whether you're a hobbyist, a business owner, or part of an organisation looking to introduce drones into your operations, Aerial Imaging Scotland offers training that's practical, supportive, and tailored to you.

Training options and costs

OPTION 1. Face to Face virtual training.

The **A2 Certificate of Competency** is the foundational qualification for drone pilot training. It is designed for individuals looking to start a drone business, as well as organisations intending to incorporate drones into their commercial operations. It may also be for keen hobbyist who wishes a formal qualification. This qualification is valid for five years and permits drone operations "near to people," without the need to invest significant sums in additional training or obtain extensive Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) permissions.

The course is presented from the comfort of your own home over a virtual training platform and includes:

- 12 months access to the Consortiq learning portal.
- Face to face **virtual training** from an experienced drone pilot.
- Unmanned Aerial Systems Operating Procedures.
- Basic Meteorology.
- Unmanned Aerial Systems Flight Performance.
- 30 question exam.

Cost £199. Duration 4 hours. Maximum places 6-8.

OPTION 2. In Person Training.

A2 Certificate of Competency. In person training delivered in Bothwell, South Lanarkshire.

The course follows the format of Option 1 and has the added benefits of being in person and includes an additional 4 hours of flight training and assessment with elements of our bespoke Zero to Hero training package.

Cost £299. Duration 8 hours. Maximum places 4-6.

OPTION 3. One to One Training

A2 Certificate of Competency (A2 CofC). One to One training delivered in Bothwell, South Lanarkshire.

The course builds on Options 1 and 2 and is One to One .

Cost £349. Duration 8 hours. One to One training. Maximum places 1.

OPTION 4. Zero to Hero Training

This training program is designed to take a complete beginner and develop them into a confident, safe, and competent drone pilot through a series of structured lessons and practical exercises. Each lesson builds upon the previous one, combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on flying experience. Delivered over 2 days, from Bothwell, South Lanarkshire the course starts with the A2 Certificate of Competency and moves through 10 lesson plans that upon successful completion, students will possess the knowledge, practical skills, and operational confidence required to safely conduct drone flights, maintain their aircraft, and execute planned aerial missions using industry-standard procedures and best practices.

Cost from £499. Duration 2 days. (Options available to travel to you depending on numbers and location)

OPTION 5. Try before you buy.

Come and have a go at flying drones. Thinking of buying a drone as a hobby? Maybe even thinking of bringing drones into a business? Looking for an unusual gift for someone?

We're offering a 90-minute session covering all the basics you need to operate a drone safely in the Open A1/A3 subcategories of the current UK regulations. We'll cover the requirements of registration, what aircraft you can fly and where, and a little insight into photography, videography, survey and inspection using drones. After the session, you'll have enough information to decide what to purchase and how to take your drone journey forward. We supply the aircraft and it will be One to One training.

We can accommodate more students with prior arrangement. What's included in the price? 90-minute session includes up to 30 minutes of theory surrounding regulation and safety. 60 minutes of hands-on flying with our aircraft. Industry insight and practical experience of photography and videography tasks, and survey & inspection by arrangement.

Cost £120. Duration 1.5 hours. One to One training. Maximum places 1.

Next Steps:

Advice or guidance, call Stuart Clemenson 07786133647.

FAQ

How soon can I start?

At Aerial Imaging Scotland, we tailor our training needs to fit with you. Once you choose the package that best suits your needs, we can discuss available dates and on payment, enrol you on to the Consortiq learning platform.

What do I do once I am enrolled?

Once enrolled on to the Consortiq learning platform, you will have access to a catalogue of drone pilot information pre-event and for up to 12 months after the training. It is recommended that you take time to read this prior to attending the training. Online learning isn't mandatory, but it is recommended. It's a good revision tool for down the line so that students continue to learn and grow.

What is the format of the training?

The training follows a criteria set by the Civil Aviation Authority and is delivered into 3 sections. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Operating Procedures, Basic Meteorology and UAS Flight Performance. Each section last approximately 1 hour with breaks build in.

When do I get my certificate.

As soon as you've passed your Theory Exam and proved your flying competence, we'll send you your A2 Certificate of Competency (A2CofC) certificate, and you'll be ready to fly.

Why not a do a GVC Course?

The main difference between the GVC and the A2 Certificate of Competency (A2CofC) is there is no flight assessment, no need to apply for the UK PDRA-01 as part of your Operational Authorisation from the CAA, no Operations Manual required and no need to renew every 12 months at a cost of £500.

Can you come to me?

Yes, with prior arrangements Aerial Imaging Scotland can come to you. For example, if you are a company based in Central Scotland and are taking a minimum of 4 places, we can travel to your location.