DEVELOP YOUR FLYING / Night rating

Night Rating

Learn to plan and fly safely after dark under visual flight rules.



Course summary

Develop night handling, navigation and circuit skills with an instructor before completing the required solo take-offs and landings. A night rating extends visual flying privileges; it does not replace an instrument rating or permit flight in unsuitable visual conditions.

Entry requirements

- Hold an appropriate aeroplane licence and medical, with the relevant aircraft privileges.
- LAPL holders must complete the basic instrument flight training required for PPL issue before completing night training.
- Agree aircraft, instructor and aerodrome availability with the club.

Credits available

- Applicants with eligible TMG night privileges may qualify for full credit under FCL.810(a)(4).
- Existing experience and any combined PPL/night training plan are reviewed individually. Do not assume previous night flights automatically replace course requirements.

Night rating / TRAINING & NEXT STEPS

Hours

Night flight time	At least 5 hours
Dual instruction	At least 3 hours
Navigation	At least 1 hour of dual cross-country navigation, including one dual flight of at least 27 NM
Solo	5 take-offs and 5 full-stop landings
Course window	Complete the course within 6 months

The flight components sit within the five-hour minimum; they are not separate blocks to add together. Weather and local operating hours affect scheduling.

Theoretical knowledge (TK)

Night preparation includes visual limitations, lighting, equipment, navigation, weather, emergencies and aerodrome procedures. Theoretical instruction forms part of the course.

Frequently asked questions

Does this allow me to fly in cloud?

No. This rating is for night VFR. Instrument privileges require a separate rating and appropriate aircraft and operating conditions.

Is there a separate skill test?

The night rating is completed through the required course and instructor certification rather than a separate rating skill test.

When can I train?

Contact us about current night availability at Weston. Training dates depend on darkness, weather and permitted operations.

Your next step

Enquire at info@waterfordaeroclub.com. Tell us your goals and flying experience. Training availability, approved scope and individual eligibility are confirmed before enrolment.

Prices are maintained separately on the website pricing page. Contact the club for current pricing.

Reference: FCL.810(a). EASA Aircrew rules, November 2025 edition.