

Not a U.S. Citizen? Not a Problem!

If you're a non-resident alien there are a few rules regarding how you can take flying lessons while in the United States. We've put together a guide to help you through the process of gaining approval from the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) to begin taking lessons.

This guide is tailored specifically to members of Purdue Pilots; if you'd like more details concerning all possible options you can check out AOPA's guide [here](#).

If you are a Non-resident Alien (F-1, F-2, J-1, Visa, etc.) and you would like to receive flight training provided by Purdue Aviation, you need to do the following:

1. Go to Purdue Aviation and talk to their chief flight instructor. Say that you are a non-resident alien and would like to start flight training. Bring your passport and visa as they will need to make copies of it.
2. Go to the website flightSchoolCandidates.gov and register with the TSA. You will most likely fall into Category 3 for initial flight training (your Private Pilot certificate).
 - Specifically, you want to obtain flight training in a single-engine piston airplane. Type: Cessna. Model: C150. Registration #: N11942.
 - You will also need the address and phone number of [Purdue Aviation](#)
3. Pay the processing fee of \$135
4. Once your request has been received and Purdue Aviation has confirmed that you wish to start training with them, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to get fingerprinted.
 - **Important:** If you don't hear from the TSA within a week of submitting your information, *call* them and ask if they have confirmed your training request
5. Get a prepaid FedEx or UPS envelope
6. Call the Purdue Police at (765)-494-8221 and ask for an appointment to get fingerprinted for the TSA Alien Flight Training background check. They have the necessary equipment and will send them to the TSA for you (using the prepaid envelope)
7. Wait until your request has been processed and approved by the TSA
8. Start flying!