Certified Flight Instructor
Associated Industries: Architecture and Construction | Business, Management, & Administration | Education & Training | Law & Public Safety | Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Description and Labor Market Information
A CFI certificate authorizes a pilot to train others. This certificate can only be pursued by those already certified as commercial pilots or airline transport pilots. The process includes a written knowledge test and a practical "checkride".

This credential was associated with 9 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 13,837 positions with 1,357 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of $43.33.

Sample Occupations

Postsecondary Teachers
Median Hourly Earnings: $33.39
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Doctoral or professional degree
Total Positions: 6,156
Annual Job Openings: 537

Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers
Median Hourly Earnings: $82.62
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree
Total Positions: 1,169
Annual Job Openings: 132

Commercial Pilots
Median Hourly Earnings: $41.39
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
Total Positions: 381
Annual Job Openings: 45

Certifying Entity Information
Federal Aviation Administration
Website: www.faa.gov
Phone: (866) 835-5322
Local Availability:
There are multiple local flight schools offering flight certification programs. Please see: https://www.gaHawaii.com/flight-schools-aviation-training/

Exam Details
Age Requirement: 18
Coursework/Hours to Complete: 250 hours of flight time and additional pre-requisites
Length of Certification Validity: 2 years
Exam Cost: $150, additional program costs
Exam Time: N/A
Number of Questions: 100
Pass Rate: N/A
This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawai‘i can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawai‘i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai‘i students for future careers and long-term success?

**Promising Credentials in Hawai‘i**, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawai‘i businesses, this project has identified **137 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **274 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawai‘i employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.