



FLIGHT TRAINING

OTAGO AVIATION ACADEMY

STUDENT ADMISSIONS BROCHURE

Your Trusted Aviation Training Provider in New Zealand



START YOUR AVIATION JOURNEY WITH **OTAGO AVIATION ACADEMY & U-FLY WANAKA**

Otago Aviation Academy, in partnership with U-Fly Wanaka, offers internationally recognized **NZQA Level 5 & 6 Diploma in Aviation Programs**.

Our **structured & hands-on flight training** prepares students for a professional aviation career. Students will go through a **combination of classroom-based theory sessions and flying sessions** for the most comprehensive training.

Our location provides not just the world's most stunning flying environments but also **access to mountain flying terrain** – ensuring our students are well-equipped for diverse flying conditions.





WHY TRAIN WITH OTAGO AVIATION ACADEMY



New Zealand Qualifications Authority Accredited Program

Internationally recognized aviation qualification



Internationally Recognized Flight Training

Internationally recognized aviation qualification



Hands-on learning in real-world environments

Train in varied weather & mountainous terrain



Versatile Fleet

Cessna 172, Piper PA-28 Cherokee & Tecnam P2006



Career Development Support

Internship Available – Gain Flight Hours & Unlock Flight Instructor Job Opportunities



Small Class size & personalised training

Focused & tailored learning with experienced instructors

AT OTAGO AVIATION ACADEMY, WE OFFER 2 PATHWAYS



COMMERCIAL PILOT PATHWAY

NZQA Level 5 Diploma in Aviation

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR PATHWAY

NZQA Level 6 Diploma in Aviation



YOUR PATHWAY TO BECOMING A COMMERCIAL PILOT

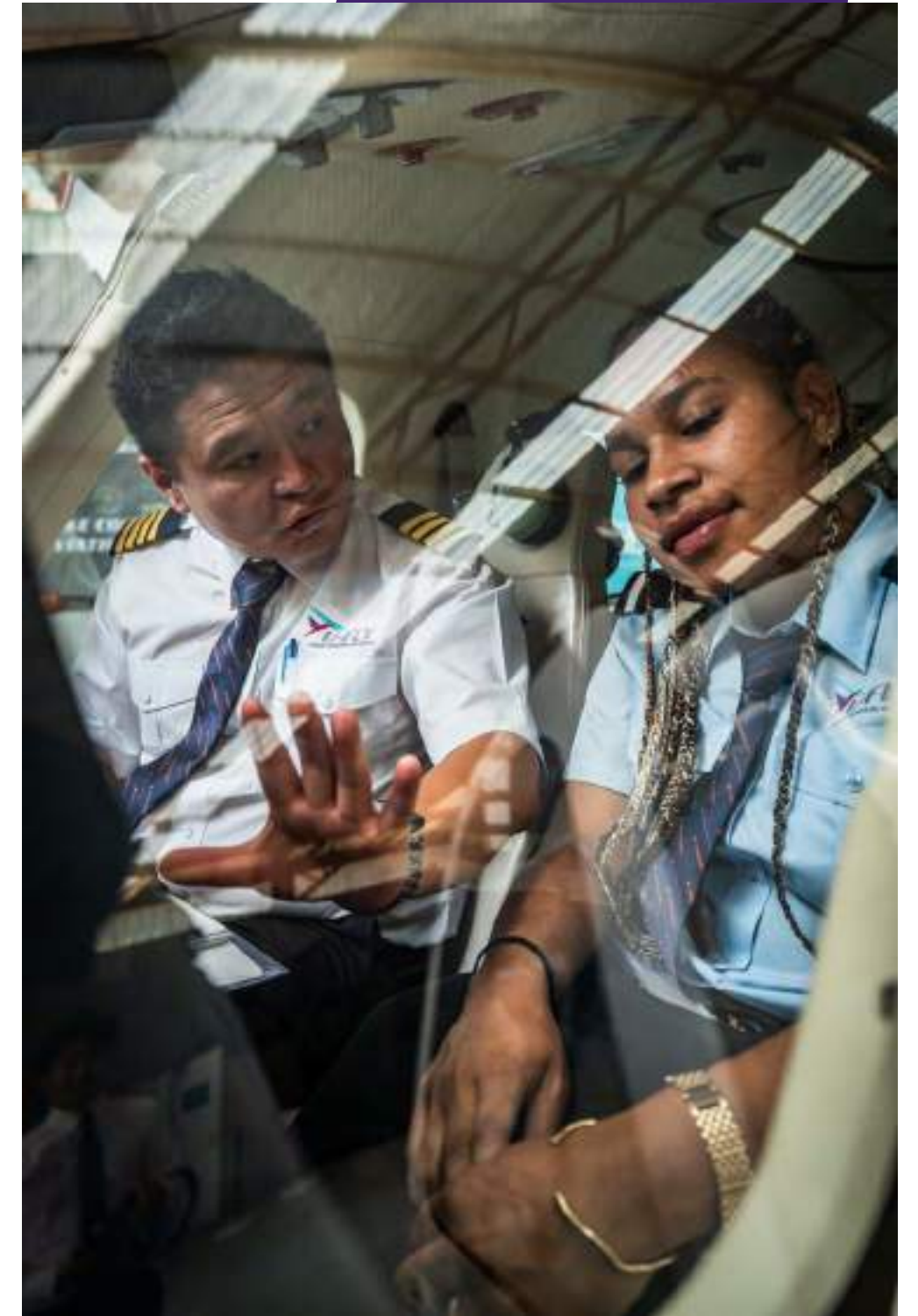
DIPLOMA IN AVIATION – NZQA LEVEL 5

Duration: 80 Weeks

Outcome: Commercial Pilot License (CPL) with Instrument Rating (IR)

What's included?

- Module 1: Private Pilot License (PPL) Theoretical Knowledge
- Module 2: PPL Core Techniques Practicum
- Module 3: Commercial Pilot License (CPL) Theoretical Knowledge
- Module 4: CPL Advanced Navigation Training
- Module 5: CPL Instrument Rating Theoretical Knowledge
- Module 6: Instrument Rating Flight Training Practicum
- Module 7: CPL Advanced Maneuver Training to PT5 Flight Test Practicum



YOUR PATHWAY TO BECOMING A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

DIPLOMA IN AVIATION – NZQA LEVEL 6

Duration: 6 Months Additional Training beyond Level 5
Outcome: Flight Instructor Rating (C-Cat)

What's included?

- Module 8: Teaching Techniques & Assessment Methods
- Module 9: Instructor Training Practicum

Career Opportunities After Level 6

- Internship Available: Gain Flight Hours and Instructional Experience
- Work as a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)
- Transition into Commercial Airlines, Charter Flying, or General Aviation



PROGRAM INTAKE & FEES

Next Intakes

Diploma in Aviation Level 6

8th June, 2026

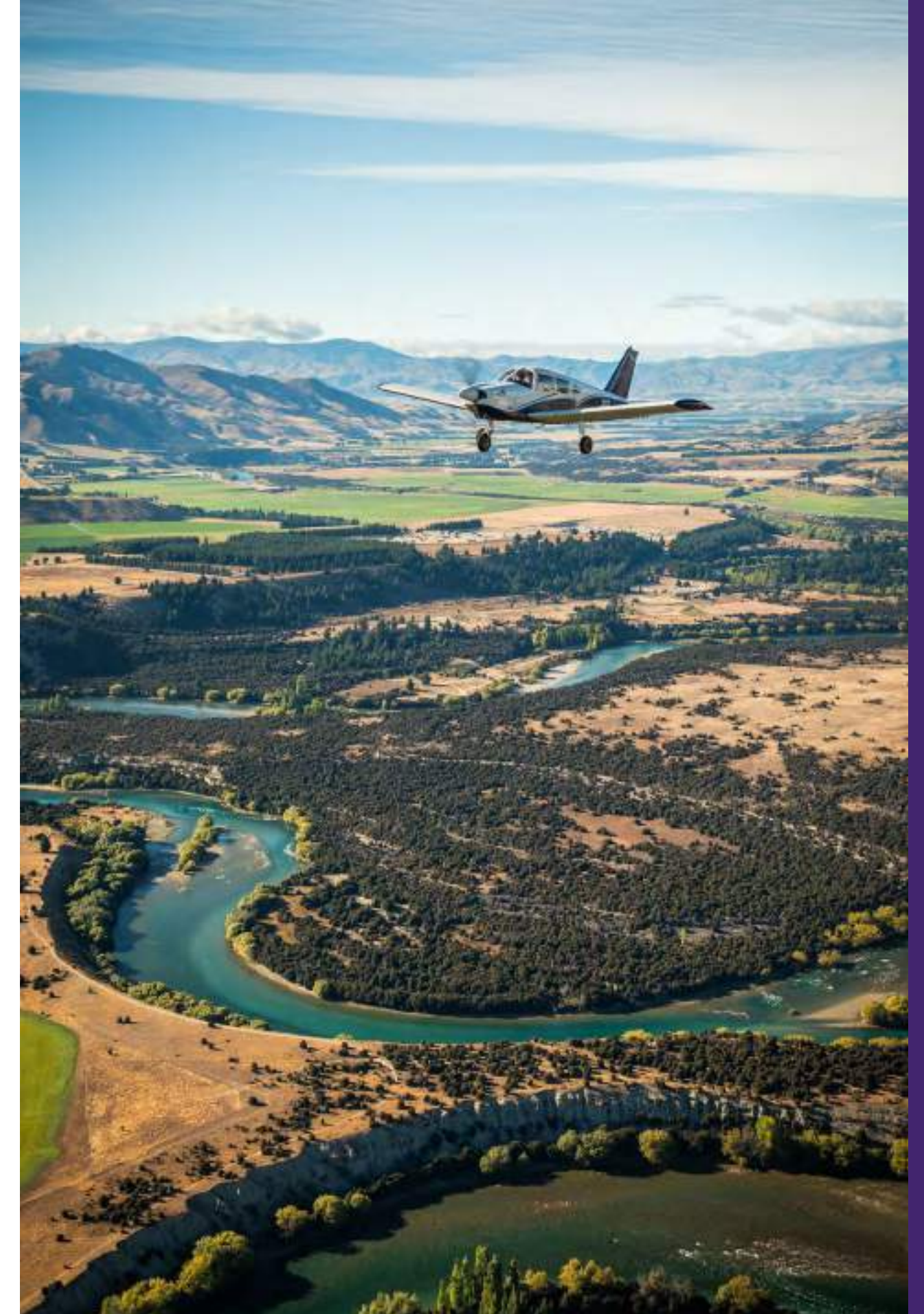
Diploma in Aviation Level 5

September 15, 2025

March 10, 2026

Tuition Fees

Contact us for current pricing and financing options.



OUR FLEET

At Otago Aviation Academy, our fleet includes **Cessna 172s**, **Piper PA28s**, and the **Tecnam P2006** for multi-engine training, offering a well-rounded training experience. Equipped with **modern avionics**, our aircraft prepare students for the challenges of commercial aviation.

Your training begins with the Cessna 172, where you'll learn basic and advanced flight maneuvers. As your skills progress, you'll transition to instrument flying and multi-engine training using the Tecnam P2006. This multi-engine aircraft is a key component in developing the skills needed for flying complex aircraft.

Our simulator also provides opportunities to practice challenging scenarios in a controlled and safe environment, helping to ensure you are fully prepared for real-world flying.





CESSNA 172



PIPER PA28



TECNAM P2006



BEFORE APPLYING, DO MAKE SURE THAT YOU FULFIL THE FOLLOWING

PRE-REQUISITES

- Be at least 18 years of age at the start of training
- Graduated from High School / Upper Secondary School with passing grades in the following subjects
 - Mathematics, English, Physics
- CAA Medical Class 1 Certificate
- English test result equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (if English is not your first language)

**APPLY ONLINE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS BEFORE
SCHEDULED COURSE STARTS**



OTAGO ACADEMY AVIATION

STUDENT ENROLMENT PROCESS

1

SUBMIT INITIAL APPLICATION FORM

Begin by completing the **Initial Application Form** to register your interest in our program. This form captures your basic information, educational background, English proficiency, funding status and a brief statement of intent.

Please find the link for the form here:
<https://form.jotform.com/uflynewzealand/OAA-application-form>

2

APPLICATION REVIEW

Our admissions team will carefully review your initial application. If you meet the basic eligibility requirements and show potential for the program, we will contact you to proceed to the next stage.

3

INVITATION TO ENROL

If your application is successful, you will be sent an **Official Enrolment Form** along with instructions to complete your enrolment.

There is a one-time, non-refundable enrollment fee of **NZD \$150**, which covers the enrollment process, New Zealand Public Trust account setup for the student, and preparation of the Offer of Admission



OTAGO ACADEMY AVIATION

STUDENT ENROLMENT PROCESS

4

SUBMIT ENROLMENT FORM & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Complete the Enrolment Form and provide the following documents:

- Highest qualification certificate
- Academic Transcripts
- Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)
- Passport Copy
- Class 1 Medical Certificate (if available)

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OFFER OF PLACE

Once we receive and verify your completed enrolment form & documents, we will issue wither a Conditional Offer of Place or a Final Offer of Place - depending on whether any outstanding requirements remain (e.g. English Test Results, Medical Certificate or Funding Confirmation)

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PAYMENT OF FEES

Once a Final Offer is issued, an invoice will be provided. To confirm your place in the program, you must pay the course fees as outlined. A receipt will be issued once payment is received.

A twin-engine propeller plane is shown in flight, banking to the left. It is flying over a calm body of water that reflects the sky. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a twilight sky with some light clouds. The overall mood is serene and adventurous.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE FLIGHT WITH US

We understand that the large amount of information can feel overwhelming, especially if you are considering a career as a pilot.

In this section, you will find helpful details & guidance to assist you as you prepare to apply to Otago Aviation Academy!

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[Transportation to Otago Aviation Academy](#)

Student Visa & Medical Requirements

1

Check Eligibility

Before applying for your student visa, ensure you meet the following:

- Offer of Place from Otago Aviation Academy
- Sufficient funds to cover tuition fees, living expenses (Minimum NZD \$20,000 per year)
- Valid medical and travel insurance
(Choose from recommended providers: [Orbit Protect](#) / [Southern Cross Travel Insurance](#))

2

Obtain your Class 1 Medical Certificate

It is essential to obtain a CAA Class 1 Medical Certificate before applying for your visa.

- Find details from the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA)
- If overseas, find a list of approved overseas medical examiners in your country [[here](#)].

3

Gather Required Documents

Prepare the following documents before starting your visa application:

- Valid Passport
- Offer of Place from Otago Aviation Academy
- Proof of Funds (bank statements, scholarship letters)
- Completed Student Visa Application ([apply online](#))
- Proof of Payment for Tuition Fees
- Health Insurance Details (Orbit Protect / Southern Cross)
- Recent Passport-Sized Photos
- Class 1 Medical Certificate





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Submit your Visa Application

- Apply online via Immigration New Zealand (INZ)
- Upload all required documents and follow the instructions carefully

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Health & Character Requirements

- You may need to undergo a medical examination and chest x-ray (if required by INZ)
- Some students may need to provide a police clearance certificate

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Visa Application Fee

- Approximate fee: NZD \$530 (varies by country)
- Check the [Immigration New Zealand Fees Finder](#) for specific costs

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Processing Time

- Visa processing takes approximately 4-6 weeks – apply early to avoid delays
- Check the latest processing times [[here](#)].

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Final Steps

- Once approved, print and carry your visa when traveling to New Zealand for your studies at Otago Aviation Academy

Living in New Zealand & Accommodation

Accommodation Support

New Zealand offers a welcoming environment for international students.

While Otago Aviation Academy does not provide on-campus housing, we offer guidance on securing rental accommodation or temporary housing to help you settle in smoothly.

Accommodation Options

- Wanaka has a range of private rentals, flatshares, and short-term stays.
- For guidance on tenant rights and rental agreements, refer to the Renting and You guide.
- Contact us for assistance in finding temporary accommodation upon arrival.
- Homestay is not a common option in Wanaka due to its small-town nature, and there are limited boarding house accommodations. Most students opt for private rentals or shared housing.

Living in New Zealand & Accommodation

- There are various accommodation options depending on your weekly rental budget
- Weekly room rental rates can range from as low as NZD180 to as high as NZD280, based on what you are looking for in your accommodation
- Here are some examples of rental options that are currently available at different price ranges

**Do note: these examples are just to provide an indicative view of what may be available in the market. The exact options may or may not be available for your rental.*

NZD180-210 /week



NZD250-280 /week





Budgeting for life in New Zealand

In addition to tuition fees, students should budget for the following:

- Rent & Utilities (Power, Internet, Water)
- Food & Groceries
- Transport Costs (Public Transport, Car Expenses, Petrol, Insurance)
- Course-Related Expenses (Laptops, Stationary)
- Mobile Phone & Internet Costs
- Entertainment & Personal Expenses
- Healthcare & Medical Expenses (Most covered by health insurance)

Helpful Resources:

- NZ Ready – A useful planning tool for moving to New Zealand: [NZ Ready](#)
- Study in New Zealand: www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz
- NZQA Studying in New Zealand: www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand
- Immigration New Zealand Study Guide: www.immigration.govt.nz
- Tourism New Zealand: www.tourismnewzealand.com

Transportation to Otago Aviation Academy

Otago Aviation Academy is located at Wanaka Airport, just a 15-minute drive from Wanaka town centre and 5 minutes from Luggate.

To ensure students can travel to and from the Academy with ease, we provide transportation services between OAA and both Wanaka town centre and Luggate.

- Transport will be available according to the Academy's set transportation schedule
- Our transportation schedule will include rides in the morning and evening
- The schedule & more details on this service will be shared during the student onboarding process – Students who require transport may register at that time



Otago Aviation Academy



Wanaka Town Centre/ Luggate

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