

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL: PILOT

1. How many hours do people work a day/a week

About 20 hours a month piloting an aircraft and 83 hours performing non flying duties.

2. Are there paid holidays?

Pilots receive about 40 days of paid holidays.

3. What kind of clothes do people have to wear?

A uniform (a jacket with trousers or skirt).

4. What are the 10 most important/the basic rights working people have?

- Social security
- Paid holidays
- Minimum days off: the minimum rest period before undertaking a flying duty must be: at least as long as the preceding duty period or twelve hours.
- Fair wage according to the type, size and speed of the airplane and the number of flying hours.
- Limits on flying hours: No more than one hundred hours of flight per month or one thousand per year.
- Physical and psychological test at 60 years of age every six months (High standard for vision, hearing, equilibrium and physical conditions).
- Frequent and physical examinations to meet certain medical standard.
- Extra pay for night work and for international flight.
- A single day off must include 2 local nights and cover at least 34 hours. Consecutive days off must include a further local night (8 hours from 22.00 to 8.00 local time) for each additional consecutive days off.
- Annually security training /within 13 months of the initial training)

5. What welfare benefits do you receive when somebody is losing their job?

Redundancy funds (Temporary difficulties of the employer), Solidarity contract (Reduced work time)

6. What kind of qualification and diploma, certificates etc. do people need?

- Good health history with no evidence of organic and nervous diseases or mental disorders.
- Qualifications depend on the kind of aircraft: a) PDL (private pilot licence). ATPL (Air transport pilot licence). CPL (Commercial pilot licence). IR (Instrument rating)

7. What is the approximate range of payment and what kind of flat can you afford for that salary? (basic-regular-luxury)

It's based upon the individual's age, education, work experience and flying background.

The medium salary ranges from 3.000,00 to 18.000,00€

8. How many years must you work before going on retirement?

It A pilot must work for 20 years

9. At what age can you go on retirement?

Men: 65

Women : 60

10. Are there any physical or psychological diseases directly connected to your job?

Pilots can suffer from strain, fatigue and stress. They are in constant pressure responsible for the safety of the aircraft, passengers and cargo. They are always in alert to make decisions quickly.

- Cosmic radiation present in the earth atmosphere.
- Laser attacks

11. What motivation is there to improve the results of your work?

- Passion for the flight
- Chances to transfer from one kind of job to another as flying hours are accumulated and additional skilled are mastered (from flight engineer to first officer or pilot examiner, airline administrator or even open a flying school.

12. Do both adults have to work to support family?

It depends on the number of family members to support

13. Who takes care of your children?

Mother, Babysitter, Grandparents, Kindergarten.

14. Do both parents have maternity leave and how long?

Paid maternity leave: 5 months at 100% of pay (2 months can be taken before birth) plus an optional 6 months at 30% of pay.

Paid paternity leave: 3 months at 80% of pay.

Parental leave: 6 months maximum for mother but each parent may take 5 months (maximum 11 months per child) to be taken at any time until child is 8. Paid by the state at 30% of normal earnings. Alternative option to reduce working hours by 2 hours per day during the child's first year.