



## Start-to-Fly @ LUAC

**Would you like to become a glider pilot?** LUAC is not only a flying club, but also an officially approved flying school offering to its members the full training curriculum for obtaining a glider pilot certificate – the LAPL(S) license, valid throughout Europe. Please note that such a pilot training takes two to three years and requires a budget of several thousands of euro's. The difficulty for foreigners interested in learning to fly via our club is that all communication, theoretical lessons, flying lessons and exams are in Dutch only. We require that all new members who register as a student pilot are fully conversant in the Dutch language, at least in terms of reading and understanding it.

**Is it possible to get a taste of gliding without being subject to the language requirement?** Sure: in that case the Start-to-Fly membership is exactly the right thing for you. It's a simple low-cost opportunity to experience the world of gliding.

What is it?

- An all-in introductory package of 2 trial flying lessons at the airfield of Genk-Zwartberg during the flying season (March-October). Expect the flying days to be mostly on a Sunday.
- The flights are in a double-seater where you take the front-seat and the instructor is in the back-seat.
- The instructor will explain the basics, and you will get the opportunity to take the controls once up in the air (the instructor will take care of the take-off and landing). If you prefer to just look around and enjoy, that's fine as well.
- You can choose to take both flights on the same day or on different days

What does it cost?

- €85 for students with a sports card ([see next page](#))
- €100 for everyone else

How to get started?

- Send a mail to [start-to-fly@luac.be](mailto:start-to-fly@luac.be) to request the membership registration form
- Transfer the appropriate amount to the LUAC bank account, send back the completed form, and if you paid the student rate you will also need to send a scan of your student card & sports card.

What happens then?

- You will receive a letter with two vouchers, one for each flight.
- You will receive a mail with instructions for logging in on the members-only part of the LUAC website.
- You can then make an on-line reservation.
- You should call the instructor (name and phone number will be shown on the website). He will explain to you the remaining practical details and answer any questions (in English).
- If the flying day is cancelled due to bad weather, you just make a new reservation.

The small print:

You don't have a glider pilot licence and you have never been a member of LUAC before.  
You are at least 14 years old, not taller than 1.90 m and your weight is between 55 en 90 kg.  
Medical requirements: you should be in normal health and not be pregnant.  
The Start-to-Fly membership includes personal accident insurance coverage.  
Registrations for the Start-to-Fly membership are open between 15 February and 15 September.  
The flying takes place during the weekend on the airfield of Genk-Zwartberg in the period March-October. For insurance reasons (the duration of your personal accident insurance) the period between the first and the second flying day shall not be longer than 4 weeks.  
The two flights cannot be split over 2 different persons. Only the person who registered can fly.  
You are present on the airfield during the entire day, just like the other members.  
This is only an introductory package. In no way can these flights be logged as part of an official pilot training course.  
Unused vouchers expire at the end of the flying season. They are not transferrable to the next membership year.

How to prove that you have a sports card:

Email a scan of photo of both sides of your student card.

If you have purchased a sports card during your registration as a student, the back side looks like this:



If you did **not** purchase a sports card during registration, it looks like this:



In that case, purchase a sports card using the online tool of the University Sports Centre: <https://www.kuleuven.be/sport/sports/enrollment>

Take a screenshot of your purchase and email it as proof. Make sure that your name is shown in the top part of the screenshot:

