

Newsletter | Up-close in the cockpit with Aviabel Stijn Keppens is training to become a pilot

At Aviabel, we want to know all about the risks that our customers are exposed to, but also about their passion and vision for aviation. Stijn Keppens, Head of General Aviation at Aviabel, decided to shift things up a gear and in early 2017 began training to become a pilot himself.



“Currently, I am in the middle of the practical training and I’ve already made my first solo flight with a Cessna 152. The trigger to begin the training definitely came from my work. In my job, I come into contact with so many people who are fascinated by air travel and general aviation. That’s how I got the bug. I signed up for the training at the flying club in Kiewit and that was it – I was off on this fantastic adventure. Now it’s a matter of completing the practical training and passing the theoretical exam. And in fact, my training really helps me in my day-to-day job. Thanks to many conversations I’ve had at the flying club, with people at all levels of experience, with highly diverse points of view, I’m much better able to assess certain risks or situations for customers than before. In other words, the training is a perfect match between work and a hobby.”