

AIRBALTIC PILOT ACADEMY'S SECOND GROUP OF STUDENTS BEGIN STUDIES

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* today, on September 10, 2018, began study process already for the second group of students of airline's newly established *Pilot Academy*. The second group of 12 students will become *airBaltic* pilots upon completion of the full-time programme in about two years from now.

Pauls Cīrītis, *airBaltic* SVP Flight Operations: "We saw a tremendous increase in the number of applications received for this second group. Over 450 potential candidates applied, 150 of whom came from Estonia and Lithuania. We have worked a lot so that young people in the Baltics would find out about the Pilot Academy and realize that becoming a pilot is an attainable target."

“Launching our own *Pilot Academy* has been a major step in securing that more Baltic pilots will join our airline in the future. Some of the students from the first group are already performing solo flights with our state-of-the-art *Diamond Aircraft training planes* at Liepāja Airport. *airBaltic Pilot Academy* is the only programme to offer high calibre pilot training, which will lead to employment as an *airBaltic* pilot. We are proud to create this unique opportunity for Latvians and our Baltic neighbours,” Cēstis added.

The application process for the 2019 spring group of *airBaltic Pilot Academy* must be submitted by November 5, 2018. For more information and applications, please visit: <http://pilotacademy.com>. The third group will start studies in January 2019.

airBaltic serves over 70 destinations from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, offering the largest variety of destinations and convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. For summer 2019, *airBaltic* has introduced three new destinations from Tallinn to Malaga, Brussels and Copenhagen. In addition, next summer *airBaltic* will launch a new direct route connecting Riga and Stuttgart.



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