



Basic Guidelines for Overseas Applicants Applying for an Australian Private Pilot Licence [PPL(A)].

APPLICANT

- ◆ Is 17 years of age
- ◆ Hold, or have held, an overseas civilian PPL (A)
- ◆ Holds a Flight Operator Radiotelephone Licence (overseas acceptable)
- ◆ Is competent in English - writing, speaking and understanding
- ◆ Holds, or is in the process of applying for issue of, an Australian ASIC or AVID
- ◆ Pays the fee of A\$140AUD

AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE

Meets aeronautical experience requirements (CAR 5.84) of **40 hours** total flight time as a pilot that includes:

- ◆ 5 hours of general flight time as pilot in command
- ◆ 5 hours of cross country flight time as pilot in command
- ◆ 2 hours of instrument flight time

NB: The 40 hours can be recognised flight time that was flown in a registered aeroplane, recognised aeroplane, helicopter, gyroplane, glider, and power-assisted sailplane or Group A Ultralight. For further advice contact your nearest CASA District Office on 131 757

The applicant is also required to pass the PPL(A) flight test (s/e VFR) with an approved person.

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMAND INSTRUMENT RATING (CIR), MULTI-ENGINE OR SINGLE-ENGINE (*OPTIONAL*)

This means an instrument rating obtained in Australia issued by a CASA delegate. This rating can be held only after the issue of a PPL(A). There are no CASA delegates overseas. An equivalent overseas rating can not be accepted. However, the holder of an overseas rating is exempt from the prescribed training course for the issue of a CIR.

Applicant is still required to pass:

- ◆ IREX theory exam
 - <http://www.casa.gov.au/fcl/exams/fceirex.htm>
- ◆ flight test for the initial issue of a CIR (S/E or M/E)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

An overseas pilot requiring the issue of an Australian Pilot Licence is required to hold a current Australian Medical Certificate Class 2 to exercise the privileges of the licence. This certificate can be obtained in Australia and overseas

<http://www.casa.gov.au/avmed/>

EXAMS

Pass the Australian PPL(A)L Overseas Air Law theory examination (PAOS)

http://www.casa.gov.au/avreg/fcl_lic/fcl_exam/cyber/convexam.htm

ASL now conducts all exams on the CyberExam network [TASMAN On-Line](#) system on behalf of CASA.

(NB. CASA does not recognise an overseas pilot's theory credits if the pilot has not been issued with the actual licence)

PLEASE NOTE:

An overseas pilot who has converted to an Australian Flight Crew Licence may not use the licence until they hold a Class 2 Medical Certificate issued by CASA.

In Summary: What is Required

- ◆ Read and comply with the requirements for issue of an ASIC or AVID: <http://casa.gov.au/fcl/photo/index.htm>
- ◆ Complete CASA form *“Application for Authorisation on the Basis of Overseas Qualifications”*:
<http://www.casa.gov.au/manuals/regulate/fcl/form213.pdf> and submit with appropriate certified photocopies of licence/s and medicals held for an assessment
- ◆ Fill out and lodge form [1162](#)
- ◆ Pass the **PAOS** exam (can be sat at most flight schools, check with school)
- ◆ Undergo [Class 2 medical examination](#)
- ◆ Meet the 40 hours broken-down (as per above requirements) + and hold an ICAO PPL + FROL
- ◆ Pass a PPL flight test with an approved testing officer (ATO, usually associated with most flight schools) or CASA FOI

- ◆ *On completion of flight test:*
- ◆ Complete CASA form 077 PPL Application form:
<http://www.casa.gov.au/manuals/regulate/fcl/form077.pdf> (also PPL flight test form usually held and filled in by the testing officer)
- ◆ Complete CASA form 638, FROL form:
<http://www.casa.gov.au/manuals/regulate/fcl/form638.pdf>
- ◆ Pay the appropriate fee of \$140

Photo Identification

All licence applicants are required to undergo a security check prior to issue:
<http://www.casa.gov.au/fcl/photo/index.htm>

Delays in Verification of Overseas Qualifications

Verification of all overseas qualifications will be conducted by CASA before recognising an overseas licence or qualification. This involves CASA checking qualifications with the overseas regulatory authority who initially issued the qualification to ascertain its validity and authenticity.

Delays may be experienced in verification and issuing of Australian licences and Certificates of Validation. The additional time should be taken into account when applying for conversion of a licence or a certificate of validation. FAA qualifications are more easily verifiable.

Special procedures for UK licence holders

The UK CAA will not provide verifications or release information about UK licence holders unless the licence holder completes a specific authority to allow the release of the information to CASA. Further information will be published on the CAAUK website: <http://www.caa.co.uk/homepage.aspx>.

The UK CAA authorisation form <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/FORSRG1160.pdf> (*64Kb Adobe Acrobat file*) must be completed by each individual and sent direct to the UK CAA with the prescribed payment. The CASA application form must be sent to CLARC, CASA. Both the UK CAA and CASA forms must be completed in all cases. Once CASA receives the application, a formal request for verification of the information will be made to UK CAA. UK CAA will reply direct to the CASA office upon receipt of the authorisation form SRG\1160. CASA will not process an application further until a response is received from UK CAA. Inquiries about the progress of the verification need to be made with UK CAA.

Licence holders are advised to submit form SRG\1160 to UK CAA well before they intend to arrive in Australia to avoid unnecessary delays in the processing of paperwork.

ARN Application (including identification)

An ARN (Aviation Reference Number) is required before the issue of the first Australian flight crew licence (including TTMRA applications) or at the same time as the issue of a certificate of validation.

Applications for an ARN can be made on

<http://www.casa.gov.au/manuals/regulate/fcl/form1162.pdf> (32Kb Adobe Acrobat document). The original completed form and supporting identification documentation must be certified by a CASA Delegate (eg. CFI, DAME) and submitted to CLARC, CASA, GPO Box 2005, Canberra City 2601, ACT

Where do I go to be trained?

Please note, on arrival in Australia, it is the visiting pilot's responsibility to seek out conversion course details from the various flying schools. CASA does not provide such information on course fees and time frames, as it is neither CASA's role nor mandate to know this kind of information. You must acquire this information directly from the schools themselves.

It is recommended that you contact several flying training organisations in the area of your intended abode, before undertaking any conversion training.

Most of the organisations can be found in your local telephone directory (or on the web) under the headings of '**Flying Schools**' or '**Aero Clubs**'. The larger flight schools and academies focus primarily on training for professional licences and ratings while the smaller schools and aero clubs specialise in private pilot training.

Suggested reading: <http://www.aeroclub.com.au/queryao.php?query=&id=70&start=2>

Should you have any further questions, please phone 131 757 or CLARC at clarc@casa.gov.au.