

14.1 Overview of the GFPT

This section explains how to record successful results of a General Flying Progress Test (GFPT).

The checklist for the GFPT is included in *Flight Crew Licensing Industry Delegate Licence Checklist* ([Form 1056](#)).

14.2 Who May Carry Out and Record a GFPT?

CAR 5.41

- A CASA delegate under CAR [5.41](#)(4)(g) may carry out and record a GFPT.

14.3 Controls

CARs [5.04](#),
[5.07](#), [5.41](#),
[5.42](#), [5.75](#),
[5.75](#), [5.76](#)(1)

- CARs [5.04](#)(1), [5.07](#), [5.41](#)(4)(g), [5.42](#)(2), [5.75](#)(1) and (2), [5.75](#)(3)(b), and [5.76](#)(1). See also section [1.4](#) Legal References.
- Flight Test Report for GFPT [on the verso of [General Flying Progress Test \(Aeroplane\) Application](#) (form 640)].

14.4 Flight Test Notes

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The aim of this test is to demonstrate the candidate's ability to safely and confidently handle the aircraft to the standard specified in the Day VFR Syllabus.

The flight should be a minimum of one hour.

At the testing officer's discretion, any items considered unsatisfactory may be repeated; but all aspects of the test must be assessed as safe before a pass can be awarded. An unsatisfactory final performance in any test item will result in an overall fail assessment for the flight test.

The test may be discontinued at any point where a fail assessment is made. Irrespective of whether or not the test is continued, the candidate may, at the discretion of the testing officer, be credited with a pass assessment in those test items successfully completed.

The test should be terminated and a fail assessment recorded if the testing officer concludes that the candidate lacks the knowledge or skill necessary to ensure safe operations.

To achieve a pass, the candidate must demonstrate sound judgement in the application of emergency drills to simulated emergency situations.

A glide approach may be omitted if the testing officer is satisfied that the candidate's technique has been adequately assessed during the practice forced landing.

Crosswind must be a minimum of at least 10 knots. Acceptable means of compliance with this standard are:

- a. The candidate demonstrates competency during the flight test
- b. The candidate has demonstrated competency to the testing officer during a previous flight
- c. The testing officer has sighted the candidate's training records, which show clearly that the student has successfully completed at least one dual and one solo flight in these conditions and has shown competency to the required standard.

14.5 Conducting the GFPT—Procedure

Chief Flying Instructor

1. Before the test, confirm the candidate's identity and that he or she has:
 - o The required aeronautical experience
 - o Met the relevant syllabus requirements
 - o Passed the Basic Aeronautical Knowledge (BAK) theory exam
 - o Been issued with an aircraft type or class endorsement in their logbooks.

Approved Test Officer

2. Notify your local CASA Field Office of your intention to conduct the test, and obtain a test number. (This must be done at least 24 hours before the test. See CAR 5.42)
3. Check whether the aircraft is suitable for the test.
4. Check that the candidate has been issued with an aircraft type or class endorsement in their logbooks.
5. Reconfirm the identity of the candidate, and that he or she has been recommended for the test by a CFI and holds a current Class 1 or Class 2 medical certificate.
6. Conduct the test.
7. Complete the Flight Test Report for the appropriate application:
 - o For aeroplanes [General Flying Progress Test \(Aeroplane\) Application](#) (Form 640)
 - o For helicopters [Private Pilot \(Helicopter\) Licence Application](#) (Form 185).

8. Make sure that the applicant completes the top section of the Log Book Certification Form and signs it. Alternatively, make sure the applicant signs the flight test report.
9. Complete the Delegate Certification section of the same form, including the “sticky strip signature”. (You must sign this strip before removal.) **Use your own ARN.**
10. Complete the Flight Checks and Approvals record page of the pilot’s Log Book. The form of entry in the Log Book is:

<i>Aeroplanes</i>	<i>Helicopters</i>	<i>Gyroplanes</i>
GFPT(A)	GFPT(H)	GFPT(G).

11. Affix the “sticky strip signature” from the Log Book Certification Form in the top half of the box next to the Log Book endorsement that you have just entered. Print your name and ARN underneath.
12. Tear out the top (original) copy of the Log Book Certification Form from the pad and send it, together with the Flight Test Report, the signed *GFPT Achievement Record (Form 1023)* and any “fail” Flight Test Reports, to CASA CLARC Office within 14 days of the test.

If the “fail” flight tests were conducted by another ATO and you do not have the reports in your possession, send the “pass” Flight Test Report and Log Book Certification Form to CASA with a covering note. (A sample Log Book Certification Form is provided in section 4.6.1.)

13. Keep the carbon (second) copy of the Log Book Certification Form in the pad as your record.

Keep a copy of the Flight Test Report with the copy of the Log Book Certification Form for your company’s training records.

These forms will be referred to when CASA audits your system.

CAR 5.72 The applicant may exercise the privileges associated with passing the GFPT immediately following the test — that is, may carry passengers in accordance with CAR 5.72.

14. On receipt of the Log Book certifications confirming the GFPT pass and, if applicable, a second certification indicating the applicant has been granted an aircraft endorsement, CASA will update the licence holder’s computerised flight crew history file. However, CASA does not issue a new licence until the applicant qualifies for the PPL.

Note: CASA does not charge a fee for recording a GFPT pass against a student’s records.

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