

Term	Definition
AC	Advisory Circular
Act	<i>Civil Aviation Act 1988</i> as amended
Aeronautical Product	Any part, apparatus, appurtenance, accessory, instrument, mechanism, equipment (including communication equipment), or material that is used, or intended for use, in an aircraft.
APIS	Approved Production Inspection System
APMA	Australian Parts Manufacturer Approval. It is a design and production approval document issued to the applicant by CASA. This would normally be accompanied by an APMA Supplement, which specifies the limit of design and production approval.
Appliance	Any instrument, mechanism, equipment, part, apparatus, appurtenance, or accessory, including communication equipment that is used or intended to be used in operating or controlling an aircraft in flight, is installed in or attached to the aircraft and is not part of an airframe, engine or propeller.
Applicant	Person who applies to engage in an activity for which a Production Approval is required.
ARN	Aviation Reference Number – a unique number issued by CASA to an industry participant.
Article	A part or component manufactured under an ATSOA for use on type certificated products.
Associate Facility	A facility that has been approved as an addition to an original production approval. The address must be listed in the PLR or APMA Appendix.
ATSO	Australian Technical Standard Order: the minimum performance standard for specified articles.
ATSOA	Australian Technical Standard Order Authorisation is a CASA design and production authorisation issued to a specific manufacturer of an article which has been found to meet or exceed a specific Australian Technical Standard Order (ATSO) performance standard. The ATSOA does not confer installation authority. The installation of the article must be separately approved as part of the type design of a type certificated product.
Authorised Person	A person authorised under an Instrument of Authorisation to exercise a power in a specific provision of CASR or CAR where the term 'authorised person' appears. The authorisation is specific to the legislative provision.
AWE	Airworthiness Engineer
MI	Manufacturing Inspector



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BAA	Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement
BASA	Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement
CAO	Civil Aviation Order
CAR	<i>Civil Aviation Regulations 1988</i>
Certificate Management	The ongoing audit function carried out by CASA following the issue of a production approval.
CASR	<i>Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998</i>
CIR	Conformity Inspection Record – Form 882
Critical	A term applicable to parts, appliances, characteristics, processes, maintenance procedures, or inspections which, if they fail, are omitted, or are non-conforming, may cause significantly degraded airworthiness of the product during takeoff, flight, or landing.
Delegate	A person authorised under an Instrument of Delegation to exercise the power of a specific CASR or CAR.
Design Data	Consists of all drawings and specifications, which may be summarised on a master drawing list, that are necessary to show the configuration of the part, and all information on dimensions, tolerances, materials, processes, and procedures necessary to define all characteristics of a part as well as the Airworthiness Limitations Section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness. It also includes analysis, technical reports and other related data.
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration of the USA
FAR	Federal Aviation Regulation of the USA
FIS	Fabrication Inspection System
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
Life Limited Part	Any part which has an established replacement time, inspection interval, or related procedure specified in the Airworthiness Limitations section under CASRs 21.50, 23.1529, 25.1529, 27.1529, 29.1529, 31.82, 33.4, and 35.4 or under an ATSOA or APMA.
Manufacturer	A person producing duplicates of a product, part, appliance or article.
MRB	Material Review Board
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities
NAA	National Airworthiness Authority
PAH	Production Approval Holder: the holder of a PC, APIS, APMA or an ATSOA who controls the design and quality of a product or part.



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PC	Production Certificate
PCB	Production Certification Board: a panel of CASA specialists acting under the direction of a chairperson for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the holder of a TC, STC or licence for issue of a complex production approval.
PLR	Production Limitation Record – a schedule attached to, and forming part of a PC, that lists the limits of production approved under the PC.
Production	Manufacture of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers and parts, including control of materials and processes used in the manufacture.
Project Officer	The CASA officer responsible for the coordination and management of the production approval application. May be Airworthiness Engineer or Airworthiness Inspector depending on the type of production approval application. Airworthiness Engineers will be responsible for APMA and ATSOA applications and Airworthiness Inspectors will be responsible for PC and APIS applications.
RCA	Request for Corrective Action
QS	Quality System: the total network of administrative and technical data and detailed procedures required to control the product and parts to specified airworthiness standards. It also denotes inspection systems in regard to holders of an APIS or APMA.
Special Process	A process where the results cannot be readily verified by subsequent inspection and testing, and where processing deficiencies may become apparent only after the product is in use. Such processes shall be carried out by qualified operators, and require continuous monitoring and control of process parameters to ensure that the specified design requirements are met.
Standard Part	An item manufactured in complete compliance with an established government or industry-accepted specification that includes design, manufacturing, and uniform identification requirements. The specification must include all information necessary to produce and conform the part. The specification must be published so that any party may manufacture the part. Examples include, but are not limited to, National Aerospace Standards (NAS), Army-Navy Aeronautical Standard (AN), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), SAE Aerospace Standard (AS), Military Specification (MS), (RTCA).
Supplier	Any person who furnishes parts or related services (at any tier) to the production approval holder manufacturing a product or part.
STC	Supplemental Type Certificate
TC	Type Certificate

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