



Australian Government

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX23/25

I, PHILIPPA JILLIAN SPENCE, Director of Aviation Safety, on behalf of CASA, make this instrument under regulations 11.160 and 11.205 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

[Signed P. Spence]

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Director of Aviation Safety

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CASA EX23/25 — Completion of Solo Flight Hours Required for Private Pilot Licence Flight Test (James Leslie Langan) Exemption 2025

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA EX23/25 — Completion of Solo Flight Hours Required for Private Pilot Licence Flight Test (James Leslie Langan) Exemption 2025*.

2 Definitions

Note In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations.

In this instrument:

applicant means James Leslie Langan, ARN 1048754.

applicant's training provider means the Part 141 operator the head of operations of which, or a person named in the operations manual of which, has recommended the applicant for a PPL flight test under paragraph 141.210(1)(a) of CASR.

Designated Aviation Medical Examiner's Handbook has the meaning given by regulation 67.010 of CASR.

PPL flight test means a flight test conducted under regulation 61.245 of CASR for the grant of a private pilot licence.

relevant flight examiner means the flight examiner who conducts a PPL flight test taken by the applicant, having been nominated to do so by:

- (a) the applicant's training provider, under subregulation 61.245(3) of CASR;
or
- (b) CASA, under paragraph 61.245(4)(a).

3 Application

This instrument applies as follows:

- (a) section 4 applies to the applicant;
- (b) section 5 applies to the relevant flight examiner;

- (c) section 6 applies to:
 - (i) the applicant's training provider; and
 - (ii) the head of operations of the applicant's training provider.

4 Exemptions — applicant for private pilot licence

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 11.160 of CASR, the applicant is exempt from compliance with the requirements of:
 - (a) subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv), to the extent that the aeronautical experience requirements mentioned in that subparagraph have not been met; and
 - (b) paragraph 61.235(2)(aa), to the extent that it requires the persons mentioned in subregulation 61.235(5) or (7) to certify in writing that the applicant has met the aeronautical experience requirements mentioned in subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv); and
 - (c) paragraph 61.525(1)(c), to the extent that the aeronautical experience requirement imposed by the paragraph that requires 10 hours of solo flight time in an aeroplane is not met; and
 - (d) paragraph 61.525(1)(d), to the extent that the aeronautical experience requirement imposed by the paragraph that requires at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time in an aeroplane is not met; and
 - (e) paragraph 61.545(1)(c), to the extent that the aeronautical experience requirement imposed by the paragraph that requires at least 10 hours of solo flight time in an aeroplane is not met; and
 - (f) paragraph 61.545(1)(d), to the extent that the aeronautical experience requirement imposed by the paragraph that requires at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time in an aeroplane is not met.

Note 1 Subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv) of CASR provides that an applicant for a flight crew licence is eligible to take a flight test for the licence only if the applicant has met the aeronautical experience requirements for the grant of the licence.

Note 2 Paragraph 61.235(2)(aa) provides that an applicant for a flight crew licence other than an air transport pilot licence is eligible to take a flight test for the licence only if a person mentioned in subregulation 61.235(5), (6) or (7) has certified in writing that the applicant has met the requirements mentioned in paragraph 61.235(2)(a). Subregulation 61.235(5) provides that, in the case where the applicant's training provider is a Part 141 operator, the person required to provide the certificate is the operator's head of operations or a person named in the operator's operations manual as responsible for the flight training to which the test relates. Subregulation 61.235(6) is about Part 142 operators. Subregulation 61.235(7) provides that, if the applicant's training provider is the holder of an approval under regulation 141.035 or 142.040 to conduct the training, the person required to provide the certificate is the approval holder.

Note 3 Paragraph 61.525(1)(c) provides that an applicant for a private pilot licence with the aeroplane category rating must have at least 35 hours of aeronautical experience that includes at least 10 hours of solo flight time in an aeroplane.

Note 4 Paragraph 61.525(1)(d) provides that an applicant for a private pilot licence with the aeroplane category rating must have at least 35 hours of aeronautical experience that includes at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time in an aeroplane. Subregulation 61.525(3) provides that the cross-country flight time required by paragraph 61.525(1)(d) must include a flight of at least 150 nautical miles during which a full-stop landing is made at each of 2 aerodromes not within the flight training area for the aerodrome from which the flight began.

Note 5 Paragraph 61.545(1)(c) provides that an applicant for a private pilot licence with the aeroplane category rating must have at least 40 hours of aeronautical experience that includes at least 10 hours of solo flight time in an aeroplane.

Note 6 Paragraph 61.545(1)(d) provides that an applicant for a private pilot licence with the aeroplane category rating must have at least 40 hours of aeronautical experience that includes at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time in an aeroplane. Subregulation 61.545(3) provides that the cross-country flight time required by paragraph 61.545(1)(d) must include a flight of at least 150 nautical miles during which a full-stop landing is made at each of 2 aerodromes not within the flight training area for the aerodrome from which the flight began.

- (2) For the purposes of regulation 11.205 of CASR, the exemptions mentioned in subsection (1) are subject to the condition that the applicant must complete any of the aeronautical experience required by regulation 61.525 or 61.545 that has not been completed as solo flight time in circumstances where:
- (a) the pilot in command for the flight is a flight instructor employed by the applicant's training provider; and
 - (b) the flight is conducted by the pilot in command to simulate solo flight by the applicant as much as possible; and
 - (c) the pilot in command does not intervene in the conduct of the flight in such a way that it no longer reflects solo flight by the applicant.

Note If the pilot in command is required to intervene in the conduct of a flight, none of the aeronautical experience achieved during the flight will be counted towards the aeronautical experience required by regulation 61.525 or 61.545 of CASR.

5 Exemption — relevant flight examiner

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 11.160 of CASR, the relevant flight examiner is exempt from compliance with the requirements of subparagraph 61.1300(1)(b)(iv), to the extent the applicant does not meet the requirements of subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv).

Note 1 Subparagraph 61.1300(1)(b)(iv) of CASR provides that a flight examiner commits an offence if the examiner conducts a flight test for a pilot licence and when the test begins the examiner is not satisfied that the applicant has met the aeronautical experience requirements for the licence.

Note 2 Subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv) provides that an applicant for a flight crew licence is eligible to take a flight test for the licence only if the applicant has met the aeronautical experience requirements for the grant of the licence. The requirements for a flight test for the grant of a private pilot licence include those in paragraphs 61.525(1)(c) and (d) and paragraphs 61.545(1)(c) and (d).

- (2) For the purposes of regulation 11.205 of CASR, the exemption mentioned in subsection (1) is subject to the condition that a relevant person has certified that the applicant has completed any of the aeronautical experience required by regulation 61.525 or 61.545 that has not been completed as solo flight time in circumstances where:
- (a) the pilot in command for the flight was a flight instructor employed by the applicant's training provider; and
 - (b) the flight was conducted by the pilot in command to simulate solo flight by the applicant as much as possible; and
 - (c) the pilot in command did not intervene in the conduct of the flight in such a way that it no longer reflects solo flight by the applicant.

Note If the pilot in command is required to intervene in the conduct of a flight, none of the aeronautical experience achieved during the flight will be counted towards the aeronautical experience required by regulation 61.525 or 61.545 of CASR.

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), each of the following is a **relevant person**:
- (a) the applicant's training provider;
 - (b) the head of operations of the applicant's training provider;
 - (c) a person named in the operations manual of the applicant's training provider as responsible for the flight training to which the PPL flight test relates.

6 Exemption — Part 141 training provider and its head of operations

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 11.160 of CASR, the applicant's training provider, and that training provider's head of operations, are exempt from compliance with the requirements of paragraph 141.210(1)(b) to the extent that the applicant does not meet the requirements of subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv).

Note 1 Paragraph 141.210(1)(b) of CASR provides that a Part 141 operator and the operator's head of operations each commit an offence if a person is recommended for a flight test by the head of operations or a person named in the operator's operations manual as responsible for the authorised Part 141 flight training to which the flight test relates, and the person is not eligible under regulation 61.235 to undertake the test.

Note 2 Subparagraph 61.235(2)(a)(iv) provides that an applicant for a flight crew licence is eligible to take a flight test for the licence only if the applicant has met the aeronautical experience requirements for the grant of the licence.

- (2) For the purposes of regulation 11.205 of CASR, the exemption in subsection (1) is subject to the condition that, before the first flight by the applicant and a flight instructor in accordance with subsection 4(2) begins, the applicant's training provider has provided guidance to the applicant and the instructor about each of their roles and responsibilities in normal and non-normal situations during the flight, including the following:
- (a) normal operations, including that there should be no training input from the pilot in command;
 - (b) emergency situations such as aircraft engine failure;
 - (c) non-normal events such as system failures requiring pilot response;
 - (d) the occurrence of pilot errors and omissions, and when these would require intervention;
 - (e) medical events affecting the applicant in accordance with the requirements in the Designated Aviation Medical Examiner's Handbook.

7 Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the end of 30 April 2028.