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To whom it may concern

**International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) taxonomy designators**

CASA has taken a decision to implement the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) taxonomy designators for aircraft as part of the introduction of revised air operator's certificate (AOC) and operations specification (Ops Spec) documentation that is consistent with the new flight operations regulations.

Due to the nature of the aircraft type ratings used by ICAO, in some cases it won't be completely apparent the aircraft type and model you operate is covered by the aircraft type listed on the AOC.

For Example

An operator may be operating an Airbus A321-231 aircraft. When this is printed on the Ops Spec it will appear as an A320-200 as this is the designation on the ICAO Master Model list that is incorporated into CASA's systems.

If an operator commences using an Airbus A318 aircraft, as per the ICAO list, this would print on the Ops Spec as an A320-100.

There may be examples in addition to those shown above. For further guidance and information on the aircraft list now used by CASA and the way aircraft types will be represented on your AOC, please review the full ICAO taxonomy database here: IACIS Aircraft Taxonomy ([intlaviationstandards.org](http://intlaviationstandards.org))

For any further clarification as required please contact us on 131 757 to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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