

SECTION 2.07**FLIGHT CREW CERTIFICATE****PILOT CERTIFICATE****REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUE**

1. An applicant for the issue of a Pilot Certificate shall:
 - a. hold a valid Student Pilot Certificate;
 - b. sign a declaration to the effect that their health standard is equivalent to that required for the issue of a private motor vehicle driver's licence in Australia;
 - c. have undergone flight and ground training in accordance with the Operations Manual and relevant CAOs, CARs, CASRs, Part 103 as amended from time to time or a recognised course acceptable to the Operations Manager.
 - d. in the case of a person holding a Private Pilot or higher licence or a GFA Glider Rating, meet the requirements of Section 2.13 of the RA-Aus Operations Manual; and
 - e. have successfully passed theory and in-flight examinations in accordance with the requirements of the RA-Aus Operations Manual and relevant CARs, CAOs, CASRs or Part 103 as amended from time to time, thus demonstrating to a CFI that they have reached the level of competency required for the issue of an RA-Aus Pilot Certificate.

AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE

2. Prior to undertaking a flight test for the issue of an RA-Aus Pilot Certificate an applicant shall:
 - a. have completed a minimum of 20 hours flying experience in a recreational aircraft which shall include a minimum of 5 hours as pilot in command (solo), or
 - b. if having previous flying experience in sailplanes, aeroplanes or rotorcraft other than recreational aircraft:
 - (1) have in excess of 20 hours flying experience with a minimum of five hours pilot in command (solo),
 - (2) undertake such a dual training in a two place recreational aircraft as deemed necessary by a CFI; and
 - (3) acquire a minimum of 5 hours flying experience flying a recreational aircraft which must include at least one hour solo; or

- c. if holding a current PPL or higher licence, have completed such dual training in a low performance recreational aircraft as is deemed necessary by a CFI and, in any case shall have not less than 5 hours flying experience in a low performance recreational aircraft which shall include a minimum of one hour solo, or
- d. if passed a current GFPT or higher licence, have completed such dual training in a high performance recreational aircraft as is deemed necessary by a CFI.

Note: For the purpose of para c. above, experience in GA aircraft may be counted towards the 5 hours (up to the full amount), provided the experience was gained in a recreational aircraft type which may be registered on either the RA-Aus or the VH register, e.g. Jabiru, Gazelle, Skyfox, Lightwing as recognised by the RA-Aus Operations Manager or their delegate.

PRIVILEGES

- 3 A valid RA-Aus pilot certificate authorises the holder to act as pilot in command of a recreational aircraft, of an aircraft type for which they hold a group endorsement (Section 2.04 refers) and for which they hold the appropriate endorsements for (Section 2.05 refers). A pilot certificate holder may **not** fly as pilot in command of a recreational aircraft:
- a. when a recreational aircraft is flown a distance greater than 25 nautical miles from the point of take-off unless:
 - (1) they hold a valid RA-Aus cross country endorsement; or
 - (2) they are conducting flight training solo exercises under the direct supervision and control of a CFI.
 - b. when carrying passengers unless:
 - (1) they hold a valid RA-Aus passenger carriage endorsement.
 - c. when operating within a CTAF(R), CTA or other area where the carriage and use of VHF aircraft band radio is mandatory, unless:
 - (1) they hold a valid RA-Aus radio operator endorsement or an RA-Aus recognised equivalent qualification.
 - (2) In the case of a CTA, hold an RA-Aus Controlled Airspace Endorsement or a current GA PPL or a student pilot on an authorised training flight.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

4. Unless cancelled or suspended by the Operations Manager a Pilot Certificate shall remain valid subject to the following conditions being met:

- a. the pilot is a financial member of the RA-Aus; and
- b. the pilot abides by the conditions of the RA-Aus Operations Manual; and
- c. the pilot abides by the relevant CARs, CAOs, CASRs and Part 103 as amended from time to time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A VALID PILOT CERTIFICATE

5. In order for a Pilot Certificate holder to exercise the privileges of a valid Flight Crew Certificate the (RA-Aus) member shall:
 - a. continue to meet the health standard equivalent to that required for the issue of a private motor vehicle driver's licence in Australia; and
 - b. sign a medical declaration every year that their health standard is equivalent to that required for the issue of a private motor vehicle drivers licence in Australia; and
 - c. if at any time a member's medical standard drops below the health standard required for the issue of a private motor vehicle drivers licence in Australia that they do not exercise the privileges of their certificate until such time as they have provided the RA-Aus with a statement from their doctor (GP) that their health standard is equivalent to that of a private motor vehicle drivers licence in Australia; and
 - d. further If the member suffers from;
 - i. Epilepsy
 - ii. Diabetes (Type 1 or 2)
 - iii. A Heart Condition/ Disease or Paralysis
 - iv. Mental Illness (Medicated or otherwise); or
 - v. Are 75 years of age or older

Must not exercise the privileges of their certificate until such time as they have provided the RA-Aus with a statement from their doctor (GP) that their health standard is equivalent to that of a private motor vehicle drivers licence in Australia; and

- e. within a period of two years immediately before the day of the proposed flight, have satisfactorily completed a flight review with an RA-Aus examiner;
 - (1) the review will be conducted in a recreational aircraft of a similar type in which the pilot flew the greatest amount of time as pilot in command, during the last ten flights;
 - (2) if the type of recreational aircraft mentioned in subparagraph (1) is a single place aircraft, or is not fitted with dual controls, the examining person may waive the flight check, providing they have satisfied themselves by discussion and observation, that the pilot is competent to continue to exercise the privileges of the Certificate;
 - (3) subparagraph (1) notwithstanding, the examining person may waive the flight check, providing that they have satisfied themselves by discussion and observation that the pilot is

competent to continue to exercise the privileges of the Certificate.

- f. When the pilot has satisfied the examining person as to their competency and is deemed to have satisfactorily completed the flight review, the examining person must make an entry in the pilot's personal log book to the effect that the pilot has satisfactorily completed the flight review. This entry will also state whether the competency is for high/low performance/Weightshift aircraft or all.
- g. For pilots holding multiple group endorsements, each consecutive BFR must be completed in a different group of aircraft.
- h. If a certificate holder has within a period of two years immediately preceding the flight, has passed a flight check for the issue of a Pilot Certificate, an endorsement other than a radio endorsement, or the issue of a rating, then the pilot is taken to have satisfactorily completed a flight review.
- i. If a certificate holder has within a period of two years immediately preceding the flight, has passed a flight check for the renewal or initial issue of a CASA approved Private Pilots Licence, then the pilot is taken to have sufficiently completed a flight review on high performance aircraft only. This will only be accepted upon receipt of a copy of the logbook entry validated by an Instructor.

ENDORSEMENT TRAINING

- 6. A CFI/SI may only recommend an endorsement after the pilot has received dual training and has been assessed as meeting a safe solo standard.
 - a. The training will include both theory and practical lessons;
 - b. Competency shall be demonstrated to the syllabus requirements in Section 3.04 for each different endorsement.
 - c. The training will only be undertaken by instructors holding the appropriate endorsement.

HIGH PERFORMANCE ENDORSEMENT

- 7. An RA-Aus Examiner may only recommend a High Performance Endorsement after the pilot has received such dual training and has been assessed as meeting a safe solo standard for aircraft with a cruising speed of greater than 80 kts; and
 - a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 High Performance Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Is the holder of a current GA PPL and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner.

LOW PERFORMANCE ENDORSEMENT

8. An RA-Aus Examiner may only recommend a Low Performance Endorsement after the pilot has received such dual training and has been assessed as meeting a safe solo standard for aircraft with a cruising speed of less than 80 kts; and
 - a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Low Performance Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency

CROSS COUNTRY ENDORSEMENT

9. Applicants for the issue of a Cross Country endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Have completed a minimum of 10 hours cross country navigation flight training and accumulated a minimum of 2 hours solo cross country navigation experience; and
 - b. Reach the standard required as specified in Section 3.04, Syllabus of Recreational Flight Training (Navigation); and
 - c. Pass an RA-Aus Flight Navigation written examination or an equivalent exam recognised by the RA-Aus; and
 - d. Pass a navigation flight test in a two seat recreational aeroplane with a Pilot Examiner or a CFI. Pilots holding a Private Pilot Licence, or higher licence, or other equivalent pilot qualifications recognised by the RA-Aus are deemed to meet this requirement.

PASSENGER CARRIAGE ENDORSEMENT

10. Applicants for the issue of a passenger endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. be the holder of a valid an RA-Aus Pilot Certificate, and
 - b. have accrued a minimum of 10 hours flight time as pilot in command of an aircraft, and
 - c. have a minimum of 2 hours flight time as pilot in command of an approved two seat recreational aeroplane; and
 - d. pass a flight test with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - e. provide written proof to the Operations Manager of an RA-Aus recognised equivalent qualification.

PASSENGER CARRIAGE LIMITATIONS

11. No Pilot Certificate holder shall carry passengers in a recreational aircraft unless:
 - a. they have a minimum of 5 hours experience as pilot in command on an aircraft of the same group (Section 2.04) as the aircraft which will be used for the carriage of passengers; and
 - b. during the last 90 days they have carried out at least 3 take-offs and 3 landings while flying as pilot in command, or while flying as pilot under the supervision of an RA-Aus instructor, of an aircraft of a "similar" type as that to be used for the carriage of passengers; and
 - c. they are medically fit and have signed a medical declaration that they meet a medical standard equivalent to that required for the issue of a private motor vehicle licence in Australia.

RADIO OPERATOR ENDORSEMENT

12. An applicant for the issue of an RA-Aus aeronautical frequency Radio Operator endorsement must be able to intelligibly speak and understand the English language and shall:
 - a. hold a current Flight Radiotelephone Operator Licence; or
 - b. pass a written and oral test conducted by an RA-Aus instructor who holds a current Flight Radiotelephone Operator Licence, under the supervision of a CFI or an approved RA-Aus Theory Instructor.

RADIO OPERATOR PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS

13. An RA-Aus Radio Operator endorsement permits the holder to operate approved aeronautical frequency VHF radio equipment installed in or used in conjunction with a recreational aircraft.
 - a. RA-Aus Student Pilot Certificate holders undergoing training for the issue of an RA-Aus Radio Operator endorsement may use aeronautical frequency VHF radio equipment providing they operate the radio equipment under the supervision and control of an instructor who holds an RA-Aus Radio Operator endorsement.
 - b. The holder of an RA-Aus Radio Operator endorsement is at all times subject to the requirements of Civil Aviation Safety Regulations, Civil Aviation Orders and Aeronautical Information Publications and part 103 as amended from time to time.

RADIO OPERATOR PERIOD OF VALIDITY

14. An RA-Aus Radio Operator endorsement shall remain valid only while the holder's RA-Aus Pilot Certificate is valid.

NOTE: Pilot certificate holders should ensure that the aircraft's callsign is displayed in a prominent and easy to read position to assist them when using aeronautical frequency VHF radio equipment. See Section 4.02 for callsign decode.

NOSEWHEEL ENDORSEMENT

- 15 Applicants for the issue of a Nosewheel endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. The applicant has conducted such dual training in a certified two place recreational aircraft with a nosewheel undercarriage, or an aircraft that CAO 95.55 Section 4.2 applies; and
 - b. The applicant has been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner to be deemed competent to the standards required in the RA-Aus Operations Manual Section 3.04, or
 - c. The applicant has held an equivalent rating or endorsement as recognised by the RA-Aus Operations and supplied documentary evidence as proof.

TAILWHEEL ENDORSEMENT

16. Applicants for the issue of a Tailwheel Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. The applicant has conducted such dual training in a certified two place recreational aircraft with a tailwheel undercarriage, or an aircraft that CAO 95.55 Section 4.2 applies; and
 - b. The applicant has been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner to be deemed competent to the standards required in the RA-Aus Operations Manual Section 3.04, or
 - c. The applicant has held an equivalent rating or endorsement as recognised by the RA-Aus Operations and supplied documentary evidence as proof.

FORMATION ENDORSEMENT

17. Applicants for the issue of a Formation Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Formation Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner with a formation endorsement, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.

WATERBORNE ENDORSEMENT

18. Applicants for the issue of a Waterborne Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Waterborne Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner who holds a waterborne endorsement, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner,

- through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency; and
- c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement which will include recommendation of Group A or B aircraft and floating hull or float alighting gear (Pontoons), or all as appropriately recommended.

IN-FLIGHT ADJUSTABLE PROPELLER ENDORSEMENT

19. Applicants for the issue of a In-Flight Adjustable Propeller Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 In-Flight Adjustable Propeller Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner who holds the endorsement, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (GFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.

RETRACTABLE UNDERCARRIAGE ENDORSEMENT

20. Applicants for the issue of a Retractable Undercarriage Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Retractable Undercarriage Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner who holds the endorsement, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (GFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.

CONTROLLED AIRSPACE ENDORSEMENT

21. Applicants for the issue of a Controlled Airspace Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Controlled Airspace Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement; and
 - d. Hold a radio operators endorsement or hold a Flight radio operators licence.

CONTROLLED AIRSPACE PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS

22. An RA-Aus Controlled Airspace endorsement permits the holder to operate inside controlled airspace under the following conditions;

- a. that the holder is subject to the requirements of any relevant legislation as amended from time to time
- b. the aircraft has a radio and,
- c. the aircraft is fitted with a transponder if required for that airspace and not exempted by ATC on duty.
- d. the aircraft is not limited by its operating limitations (eg overflight of built up areas)

CONTROLLED AIRSPACE ENDORSEMENT PERIOD OF VALIDITY

23. An RA-Aus Controlled Airspace Endorsement shall remain valid only while the holder's RA-Aus Pilot Certificate is valid; and
 - a. Has completed a flight review including Controlled Airspace procedures with an RA-Aus Examiner within a period of 2years prior to the date of the proposed flight, or
 - b. Holds a current GA PPL, or higher and be endorsed for operations in controlled airspace and has completed a flight review of that licence including controlled airspace procedures within two years prior to the date of the proposed flight.

LOW LEVEL ENDORSEMENT

24. Applicants for the issue of a Low Level Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Low Level Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement

GLIDER TOWING ENDORSEMENT

25. Applicants for the issue of a Glider Towing Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Glider Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.
 - d. Operate at all times in accordance with the RA-Aus Glider Towing Manual; and
 - e. Have written approval from the GFA for glider tow operations.

TWO STROKE ENDORSEMENT

26. Applicants for the issue of a Two Stroke Endorsement shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Two Stroke Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, or
 - b. Can provide written proof of a RA-Aus recognised equivalency. (HGFA/GFA etc) and have been recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner, through discussion or observation that they hold the required competency
 - c. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.

ADVANCED PILOT AWARD

27. Applicants for the issue of an Advanced Pilot Award shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. Has reached the competency standards required under Section 3.04 Advanced Pilot Award Endorsement and has passed a flight check with an RA-Aus Examiner, and
 - b. Be recommended by an RA-Aus Examiner for issue of the endorsement.