

# DIPLOMA OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**INTERNATIONAL**



## EXCELLENCE IN AVIATION TRAINING

Aviation Australia's students learn real skills on real aircraft in our European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) approved Part 147 training facility. On our campus we have a fleet of aircraft including jet aircraft (Fokker 28 and Boeing 727), Turbo prop aircraft (Beechcraft King Air) as well as multiple piston engine aircraft and various helicopter types, including Sikorsky S-76.

As an approved European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) Part 147 Training Organisation, this allows us to deliver the approved basic training course for both Mechanical (TB1) and Avionics (TB2) outcomes – significantly reducing the additional maintenance experience required for category licensing.

We are also approved to conduct theory examinations for EASA and GCAA modules. Students who have passed these exams with Aviation Australia do not need to sit these exams again before applying for an EASA or GCAA license (Aircraft Maintenance Engineer).

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This course (the approved basic training course) provides a pathway to:

- A European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) License
- A General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) [UAE] License

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### HOW DO I ENROL?

The enrolment process for students wishing to study at our Brisbane campus:

- Contact Aviation Australia or your local Agent to obtain the course information pack
- Complete Aviation Australia's International Enrolment Application Form
- Return a fully completed Enrolment Application Form along with certified copies of relevant documentation including Passport, Academic Transcripts, English proficiency test
- If your application is accepted, you will receive a Letter of Offer (with information including your Written Agreement and Student Handbook)
- Review the documentation and Letter of Offer, sign the 'Acceptance of Offer' and return to Aviation Australia. Pay listed deposit fee
- Receive Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Use this to submit your application for a Student Visa
- Obtain Student Visa (subject to immigration approval), organise travel and accommodation in Australia
- Arrive and commence your study

## **WHAT ARE THE CAREER PROSPECTS FOR GRADUATES WHO COMPLETE THE EASA APPROVED TRAINING COURSE AND THE DIPLOMA OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING?**

Graduates have multiple career options in international aviation maintenance including:

- Working with an airline as an AME
- Applying for a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) licence
- Applying for a General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)(UAE) license
- Continuing study towards a tertiary level qualification e.g. Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Business

## **HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN EASA CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION?**

To be issued an EASA Certificate of Recognition for the approved course, students need to:

- Complete an EASA approved training course (2400 hours), plus complete EASA license exams, achieving 75% or more in each of the module exams, AND
- Complete all practical and maintenance training activities with an attendance level of 90% or higher

## **HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN EASA LICENSE?**

An EASA license can be obtained by one of the following methods:

Method 1

- Obtain an EASA Certificate of Recognition for the approved course as described above, AND
- Work for 2 years as an AME in an approved maintenance organisation – Part 145, completing a journal of work experience to the satisfaction of the National Aviation Authority (NAA)

Method 2

- Successfully complete EASA license exams, achieving 75% or more in each of the module exams, AND
- Work for 5 years as an AME in an approved maintenance organisation – Part145, completing a journal of work experience to the satisfaction of the NAA

## **HOW CAN I OBTAIN A GCAA (UAE) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION?**

To be issued a GCAA Certificate of Recognition, students need to:

- Successfully complete the requirements for the issue of an EASA Certificate of Recognition for the approved course as above, AND
- Successfully complete GCAA Module 10 examination

## HOW CAN I OBTAIN A GCAA (UAE) LICENSE?

A GCAA license can be obtained by one of the following methods:

### Method 1

- Obtain a GCAA Certificate of Recognition as described above, AND
- Work for 2 years as an AME in an approved maintenance organisation – Part 145, completing a journal of work experience to the satisfaction of the NAA

### Method 2

- Successfully complete GCAA license exams, AND
- Work for 5 years as an AME in an approved maintenance organisation – Part 145, completing a journal of work experience to the satisfaction of the NAA

## DO I GET TO WORK ON REAL AIRCRAFT WHILE STUDYING FOR THE DIPLOMA OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING?

Aviation Australia students learn real skills on real aircraft in our EASA/GCAA approved Part 147 training facility. Our on campus aircraft include:

- Jet aircraft such as the Fokker 28 and Boeing 727 jet
- Other fixed-wing aircraft including Piper Navajo and two Beechcraft King Airs
- Helicopters including a Bell Jet Ranger, a Robinson R44 and a Sikorsky S-76

## HOW MUCH OF THE DIPLOMA OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING COURSE IS PRACTICAL?

- Approximately 50% of the course is dedicated to practical tasks in either the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, classroom or workshop areas

## APART FROM TUITION FEES WHAT OTHER COURSE COSTS MAY I INCUR?

- If you have achieved a 50% pass in an exam but would like to attempt for the higher pass of 75%, for a license outcome (in accordance with regulatory guidelines), the cost of the exam re-sit will be AU\$50 per exam sitting.

## CAN I WORK WHILE STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA?

- Generally, students studying in Australia on a student visa are eligible to work restricted hours. For information, please visit the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website: <https://www.border.gov.au/trav/stud/more/work-conditions-for-student-visa-holders>

## WHAT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER COMPLETING MY DIPLOMA?

- Aviation Australia cannot guarantee employment to its students and graduates.
- Students and graduates of Aviation Australia are solely responsible for securing employment.
- Dedicated Employment Services professionals are available on a full time basis at the Brisbane facilities to support students in their search for employment in the aviation industry. To assist with this, Aviation Australia Employment Services (AAES) keep abreast of the recruitment requirements of major international carriers and organisations, and match these requirements to a database of Aviation Australia graduates.
- Students will have access to AAES for guidance and training in the preparation of job applications. This can include assistance with professional cover letters and resumes, interview and skills preparation, and the hiring and selection processes. For further information AAES can be contacted at: [aaes@aviationaustralia.aero](mailto:aaes@aviationaustralia.aero)

## CAN AVIATION AUSTRALIA ASSIST ME WITH VISA APPLICATIONS?

- Aviation Australia recommends that students refer to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website (<http://www.border.gov.au/>) for advice on visa processing.
- Education Agents within your country will be familiar with the visa application process and should be able to provide assistance if required
- Students need to allow sufficient time for the issuing of a visa to enable their course commencement on the scheduled start date. Note that Aviation Australia has no way of expediting the processing of visas

## WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN AVIATION AUSTRALIA PROVIDE TO STUDENTS SETTLING INTO AUSTRALIA?

- Aviation Australia has a dedicated Student Services team that is able to assist students with every aspect of settling into student life
- Whilst Aviation Australia does not offer accommodation for students, there are several accommodation options available to all students attending the Brisbane campus
- Our in-house Student Services team is more than happy to assist students with any information that may be required
- For further information, please visit Student Services at: <http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/student-services/>

## **WHAT COSTS OF LIVING CAN I EXPECT IN AUSTRALIA?**

- You need to be aware that it may be more expensive to live in Australia than in your home country. It is advisable to carefully consider the costs of living and the possible impact on your lifestyle. The following websites may help you to understand the potential living costs while you are here:  
<https://www.expatistan.com/cost-of-living/brisbane>  
<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Brisbane>

## **CAN AVIATION AUSTRALIA ASSIST ME WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING?**

Aviation Australia has a close relationship with many English Pathway Schools within the region. Please contact Aviation Australia for more details.



# GLOBAL TRAINING FOOTPRINT

Headquartered in Brisbane, Queensland, Aviation Australia's training footprint has now expanded across most states in Australia, as well as Asia, the Pacific and the Gulf States.

We have developed the operational capability to provide training solutions compliant with local regulatory authorities to ensure graduates are ready to take on the challenges of the dynamic aviation industry as soon as they complete their training.

We work with customers and partners to ensure we harness local capabilities to maximize training outcomes in the most cost effective manner and we welcome the opportunity to discuss building capability in other global locations.

