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## INTRODUCTORY FLIGHTS CONDUCTED AT AN APPROVED TRAINING ORGANISATION

### 1. Applicability

- 1.1. This notice is applicable to an Aviation Training Organisations approved in terms of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (As amended).

### 2. Purpose of this General Notice

- 2.1 This General Notice serves to address and clarify the use of introductory flights for the purpose of enrolling as a student at a flight school in order to receive training towards the issuance of a Private Pilot Licence (PPL) a National Pilot Licence (NPL) or a Glider Pilot Licence (GPL).
- 2.2 This notice replaces General Notice #PEL – 2021/ATO 002 Revision 2 dated 21 October 2021 with an amendment to section 4 and 5 of the notice.

### 3. APPLICABLE REGULATION

- 3.1 The following regulations and technical standards of The Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (As amended) and Civil Aviation Technical Standards are applicable -

#### **PART 141 SUBPART 1**

##### **Applicability**

**141.01.1 (1)** This part applies to the approval and operation of organisations conducting—

- (a) aviation training;
- (b) temporary aviation training; and
- (c) aviation training conducted on behalf of a third party.

##### **Advertisements**

141.01.4 Any advertisement by an organisation indicating that it is an ATO, shall—

- (a) reflect the number of the ATO approval issued by the Director; and
- (b) contain a reference to the aviation training for which such approval was issued.

##### **Pilot training programmes**

**141.02.15 (1)** The Director may approve a pilot training programme for a PPL, CPL or instrument rating that allows an alternative means of compliance with the experience requirements established by part 61, provided that the aviation training organisation demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director that the training provides a level of competency at least equivalent to that provided by the minimum experience requirements for personnel not receiving such approved training.

(2) If the Director has approved a pilot training programme for a multi-crew pilot licence, the aviation training organisation shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director that the training provides a level of competency in multi-crew operations at least equal to that met by

holders of a CPL, instrument rating and type rating for a turbine aeroplane certificated for operation with a minimum crew of at least two pilots.

(3) If the Director approved the presentation of a pilot training programme for which a syllabus has not been prescribed by the Director, only the programme with the associated curriculum, modules, attendance requirements and reference material will be deemed to have been approved; and any notes or course material that may be compiled and distributed by the ATO to students or any other person or organisation, are at the discretion of and the liability of the distributing ATO.

(4) If the Director establishes a criteria or a syllabus with associated requirements for any programme referred to in sub regulation (3) above, the approval may mutatis mutandis be withdrawn or suspended by the Director until the requirements that may be prescribed are met.

#### **APPENDIX 1.1 TO SA-CATS 61**

##### Exercise 3 Air Experience

- Flight Exercise
  - Introduce student to fixed-wing flight

#### **APPENDIX 1.3 TO SA-CATS 61**

##### Exercise 3 Air Experience

- Flight Exercise
  - Introduce student to rotary-wing flight

#### **APPENDIX R62.01 TO SA-CATS 62**

##### Exercise 3 Air Experience 62 - Applicable to WCM, CCM, GYR, LSA, TMG

- Flight Exercise
  - The aim of this sequence is to instil confidence in a learner who has previously flown very little or not at all, to impart some knowledge, and to familiarise the learner with the geography around the training base.

#### **PART 96 SUBPART 1**

##### **Applicability**

**96.01.1** (1) This Part applies to—

- (a) non-type certificated aircraft engaged in flying training or commercial air transport operations within the Republic;
  - (b) non-type certificated aircraft registered in the Republic;
  - (c) persons acting as flight crew members of non-type certificated aircraft registered in the Republic and engaged in flying training or commercial air transport operations; and
  - (d) persons on board a non-type certificated aircraft engaged in flying training or commercial air transport operations.
- (2) A non-type certificated aircraft shall not be used in commercial air transport operations unless the operator is the holder of the appropriate air service licence issued in terms of the Air Services Licensing Act, 1990 or International Air Services Act, 1993: Provided that no amateur-built, production-built or ex-military aircraft shall be issued with a Class I or a Class II domestic air service licence, nor with any international air service licence.
- (3) An amateur-built, production-built or ex-military aircraft may be issued with a Class 2, type G16, domestic air service licence for the purpose of flipping, as defined in sub regulation (7).
- (4) A non-type certificated aircraft shall not be used for flight training unless the operator is the holder of the appropriate ATO approval, issued in terms of Part 141 of these regulations.

(5) The provisions of Part 24, Part 91 and Part 94 of these regulations shall apply with the necessary changes to any non-type certificated aircraft unless specifically exempted by the provisions of this Part.

(6) For the purpose of sub regulation (2), tandem operations with hang-gliders, paragliders or parachutes, even if carried out for remuneration or reward, shall not be considered to be the providing of an air service as defined in the Air Services Licensing Act, 1990 or International Air Services Act, 1993 nor to be a commercial air transport operation, as defined in Part 1 of these regulations.

(7) For the purpose of sub regulation (3), flipping is defined as the carrying of fare-paying passengers for the purpose of sight-seeing, and such operations shall be restricted as follows—


- (a) flights shall commence and end at the same aerodrome or helicopter landing site without any intermediate landing, and without any disembarking taking place by any means while the aircraft is in flight;
- (b) the duration of flights shall not exceed one hour of flight time; and
- (c) the number of passengers carried, whether fare-paying or carried for free, shall not exceed nine.

#### 4. INTRODUCTORY FLIGHTS AT AN ATO

- 4.1 Introductory flights conducted at an ATO in terms of Exercise 3 of SA-CATS 61 Appendix 1.1, Appendix 1.3 and SA-CATS 62 Appendix R62.01 are for the purpose of providing air experience to a student or learner and it is common cause that such flight is preceded by a full pre-flight briefing and concluded with a full post flight debriefing with comments entered into a student training file.
- 4.2 A student or learner is deemed to be a person whose sole intention is to be enrolled at an ATO for the purposes of receiving training towards the issuance of a licence issued under Part 61 and Part 62 of the regulations.
- 4.3 An introductory flight in any aircraft may only be conducted by an appropriately rated flight instructor by day VMC.
- 4.4 No other third person shall be present in the aircraft, be it another instructor, a safety pilot, another student pilot or any other passenger as this deemed to be flipping as defined in regulation CAR 96.01.1(7).
- 4.5 Each introductory flight training records shall be kept as per CAR 141.02.14 (4)(e).

#### 5. FLIPPING AT AN ATO

- 5.1 Flipping is not training nor is it an introductory flight and is therefore prohibited by Part 141 of the regulations.
- 5.2 ATOs who have conducted flipping operations under the guise of an ATO operation are to cease this activity and are to apply the SACAA for a Part 96 approval.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
	JOHAN NIEMAND	29 October 2021
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