

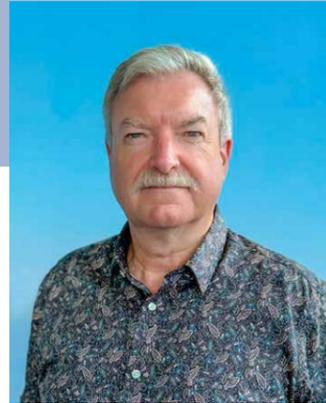


Flying with Confidence, Beyond Horizons

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Part 141 Aviation Training Organisation
Nelson Airport, New Zealand

PART 141



Welcome Message to Students

Dear Students,

Welcome to New Zealand Aviation Academy (NZAA).

You are joining a professional training environment built on discipline, safety, and high standards. Aviation demands commitment, resilience, and attention to detail — and we are here to support you as you develop these qualities throughout your training.

At NZAA, your progress is closely guided through structured instruction, rigorous assessment, and continuous mentoring. Whether you are beginning your first flight or advancing toward commercial and multi-crew operations, you will be supported by experienced instructors and a team committed to your success.

Training in Nelson provides a focused environment for learning, with varied operating conditions that strengthen both skill and judgement. Here, you will develop not only technical competence, but also the professionalism expected in modern aviation.

We are committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning culture. If you encounter challenges — academic, operational, or personal — our team is ready to assist you.

Your training here marks an important step in your aviation career. We look forward to supporting your development and witnessing your progression into the next stage of professional aviation.

Sincerely,

Leiv Bjerga
Chief Executive Officer

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI AOTEAROA WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

Whakatū NELSON A THRIVING PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN AND GROW

Facts about New Zealand

Population: 5,338,900 (May 2024)
 Largest city: Auckland
 Capital: Wellington
 Area: 270,534 square kilometres
 Official language: English, Maori, New Zealand Sign Language
 Currency: New Zealand dollar
 Exchange rates: US\$0.59, €0.53 (August 2024)
 Climate: Average temperatures in Nelson range from 20°C (68°F) to 25°C (77°F) in summer (December to March), with an average maximum temperature of 12°C (54°F) in winter (June to August)
 Warmest months: January, February
 Coldest months: June, July
 Government: Parliamentary democracy, member of the Commonwealth

Why Study in New Zealand?

New Zealand ranks highly on safety and security

#4
safe and secure countries*

In Top 10
in 2021 Index of Economic Freedom^



Nelson Lakes National Park

Sunny Nelson (Sunshine Hours)

Known as “Sunny Nelson,” this region consistently tops New Zealand’s sunshine hours, boasting around 2,500 hours annually. For the summer of 2024, Nelson recorded 618 sunshine hours as the sunniest spot in New Zealand. This abundant sunshine fuels Nelson’s diverse industries, including aviation, engineering technology, IT, and a vibrant arts scene. Additionally, the region is home to Australasia’s largest deep-sea fishing port. Nelson offers a dynamic environment to live, learn, and grow.

New Zealand has quality education

Top 3%
in the world for tertiary education

In top 10
happiness countries in the world^^

#3
in Worldwide Educating for the Future Index 2021**

80%
Covering 80% of the world’s diverse landscape

In top 20
most educated countries in the world

Quality of living
New Zealand ranked 12th out of 167 countries in the 2021 Global Prosperity Index, a survey that judges the education, worldwide safety and security, personal freedom and natural environment.

New Zealand is a great place to live!

Our Community - Top of the South Island, New Zealand

Nestled at the top of New Zealand’s South Island, our community is set in one of the most beautiful and inspiring regions in the world. Known for its mild, sunny climate, this area offers breathtaking landscapes, from majestic mountains and lush forests to pristine seas and golden beaches. Life here is both peaceful and invigorating, providing a welcoming environment that fosters personal growth and adventure.

The region’s natural beauty is complemented by a vibrant arts scene, local farms, and outdoor activities, from hiking and kayaking to exploring national parks and coastal trails. This unique setting provides our students not only with exceptional aviation training but also with an enriching lifestyle, full of opportunities to connect with nature, art, and a supportive community.

Nelson Tasman

Nelson Tasman, is the largest urban area in New Zealand’s upper South Island, beautifully located along the shores of Tasman Bay. With a community of around 60,000 residents—50,000 of whom reside in Nelson City—this region combines urban vibrancy with a peaceful, nature-filled lifestyle. Known for its temperate climate, Nelson enjoys an impressive average of over 2,500 hours of sunshine annually, with summer temperatures typically ranging between 12°C and 25°C, while winter averages a mild 3°C to 15°C.

Nelson is conveniently connected to major New Zealand cities, with a five-hour scenic drive from Christchurch, or short flights of just 30 minutes from Wellington, 40 minutes from Christchurch, and about an hour from Auckland. This accessible yet idyllic location provides our students with the perfect environment to study and thrive, offering not only high-quality aviation training but also an extraordinary quality of life.

NEW ZEALAND'S AVIATION INDUSTRY

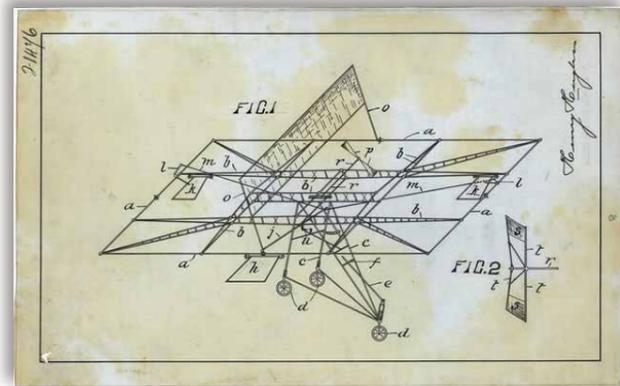
History of Aviation in New Zealand

New Zealanders have a deep connection with aviation, tracing back to early pioneering flights. In 1903, New Zealand aviator Richard Pearce is credited with making one of the world's first powered flights from his farm in Canterbury, reportedly nine months before the Wright brothers' famous flight in the United States. Pearce's achievements, although not widely documented internationally at the time, symbolize New Zealand's early ambition in aviation innovation.

In the early 20th century, New Zealand became the first country to which Boeing exported aircraft, highlighting its growing significance in the global aviation industry. The origins of New Zealand's pilot training can be traced to 1915, when floatplanes were used for early aviation training, marking the beginning of structured aviation education in the country.

The development of commercial aviation in New Zealand began in earnest with the launch of the country's first domestic airline in 1935. This laid the foundation for a robust aviation sector, with New Zealand airlines and aviation services expanding domestically and internationally over the decades. Today, New Zealand's aviation industry is renowned for its rigorous pilot training standards and qualifications, which are recognized as some of the most prestigious worldwide, attracting aspiring pilots globally to study in its well-regulated environment.

New Zealand's ongoing contributions to aviation are reinforced by its regulatory standards and the strong reputation of its Civil Aviation Authority, ensuring high levels of safety, innovation, and skill in aviation practices.



PIC 1: Richard Pearce's Fantastic Flying Machine, drawing from Richard Pearce's patent, July 1906 [patent number #21476], Archives New Zealand (CC BY-SA 2.0)



PIC 2: This float plane, the first to be produced by the Boeing factory in 1916, was used for pilot training and record-breaking flights in New Zealand.



PIC 3: The first national domestic airline in New Zealand (the National Airways Corporation)

Well-Developed Aviation Industry in New Zealand

New Zealand's aviation industry remains robust, with its airspace covering approximately 9% of global airspace. This extensive airspace management supports both domestic and international aviation needs, backed by advanced air traffic control systems that enhance efficiency and safety.

The country's favourable flying conditions, with good visibility and a relatively mild climate, continue to contribute to a high rate of private aircraft ownership. New Zealand also has a well-developed infrastructure with over 70 domestic general aviation airports that facilitate access across the nation. This network supports the needs of private, commercial, and recreational aviation, fostering a vibrant aviation environment for operators and enthusiasts alike.

High Standard Training Framework

New Zealand-trained pilots are highly sought after by employers worldwide, known for their adaptability and professionalism. The New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAANZ) upholds a rigorous regulatory framework, recognized globally for its high standards and integrity. This framework results in exceptional training outcomes, producing pilots who are well-prepared to meet the challenges of a rapidly evolving aviation industry.



Flying Over the World's Most Diverse Landscape

New Zealand's unique geography and climate offer pilot trainees an invaluable learning experience that's difficult to replicate elsewhere. With about 80% of the world's range of landscapes, New Zealand presents a diverse and challenging environment for aviation. Trainees encounter varied weather systems—enabling them to build expertise in handling diverse meteorological conditions. The experience of flying through these dynamic climates fosters resilience, quick decision-making, and adaptability, traits that are essential for skilled pilots.

The stunning landscape, from towering mountains to vast pastures, lush forests, crystal-clear lakes, and extensive coastlines, provides not only a visual treat but also practical benefits for navigation and spatial awareness training. Navigating such diverse terrains enhances trainees' situational awareness and technical skills, preparing them for global aviation challenges.

This distinct training environment cultivates a level of competence and confidence that makes New Zealand-trained pilots highly sought after by employers worldwide. With such intensive exposure to varied flying conditions and landscapes, New Zealand-trained pilots stand out in the aviation industry as versatile, resilient, and well-prepared for the complexities of modern flight.

Pilot Career Outlook



2024 Pilot and Technician Outlook

2024-2043

Global Outlook

- 2.4M New Personnel
- 50,170 2043 Fleet
- 674K New Pilots
- 3.2% Annual Fleet Growth
- 716K New Technicians
- 4.7% Annual Traffic Growth
- 980K New Cabin Crew
- 3.5% Annual Personnel Growth

Regional Highlights

Destination	New Personnel	Pilots	Technicians	Cabin Crew
AFRICA	76K	23K	25K	28K
CHINA	430K	130K	137K	163K
EURASIA	562K	155K	167K	240K
LATIN AMERICA	135K	39K	42K	54K
MIDDLE EAST	235K	68K	63K	104K
NORTH AMERICA	430K	123K	123K	184K
NORTHEAST ASIA	98K	25K	30K	43K
OCEANIA	41K	11K	12K	18K
SOUTH ASIA	129K	40K	40K	49K
SOUTHEAST ASIA	234K	60K	77K	97K

Pilot and Technician Outlook 2024-2043, Boeing

Growing Pilot Shortage Globally

According to a study just published by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) - Global and Regional 20-year Forecasts – ICAO estimates the number of pilots would more than double the current number, rising to 160,000 the year 2030.

The Boeing Pilot & Technician Outlook 2024-2043, a respected industry forecast of personnel demand, projects that, over the next 20 years, 674,000 new pilots will be needed to meet demand from commercial operators.

Eurasia will lead the worldwide growth in demand for pilots, with a requirement for 155,000 new pilots. China will require 130,000, North America 123,000, Southeast Asia 60,000, Middle East 68,000, Latin America 39,000, South Asia 40,000, Northeast Asia 25,000, Africa 23,000, Oceania 11,000.



Global pilot shortage takes off as travel costs rise

By Aziz Al Sa'afin, News Australia Correspondent | Sat, Jun 15

The aviation industry is grappling with a severe pilot shortage, which experts predict will reach between 34,000 to 50,000 pilots by 2025, and could soar to 80,000 by the end of the decade. The shortage is driving up travel costs and presenting significant challenges for airlines worldwide.

Australia correspondent, Aziz Al Sa'afin, investigates how the shortage is impacting the Asia-Pacific region and how one Australian airline is addressing the issue by recruiting New Zealand pilots.



Air New Zealand fast-tracks training to stave off pilot shortage

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Unite against COVID-19

Captain David Morgan says pilots are an ageing workforce. Photo: RNZ / Lydia Lewis

A new programme aimed at accelerating the path to becoming a commercial pilot has been launched by Air New Zealand in order to futureproof against pilot shortages.

The Mangopare Air New Zealand Pilot Cadetship aimed to train pilots in 14 months, compared to the typical 24-36 months, with 30 New Zealanders to be selected for the programme beginning in September.

Pilot Income & Employment Prospects in New Zealand

New Zealand's aviation industry presents strong employment prospects for pilots, driven by a consistent demand for aviation professionals both domestically and internationally.

According to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE), employment for pilots and flight instructors in New Zealand is expected to grow steadily in the coming years due to increased demand for air travel, tourism, and freight services. Pilots in New Zealand typically earn between NZD 75,000 and NZD 200,000 annually.

Aeroplane Pilot

Kaiwhakahaere Waka Rererangi

Alternative titles for this job

Aeroplane pilots fly planes that transport people and goods, or spread fertiliser or bait.

Pay

Aeroplane pilots usually earn **\$96K-\$283K** per year

Aeroplane pilots can earn **\$62K-\$392K** per year

Source: TEC research

Job opportunities



Chances of getting a job as an aeroplane pilot are good for experienced pilots due to demand for their services

Length of training



2-3 years of training required.

Aeroplane Pilot Income & Employment Prospects

Aeroplane pilots in New Zealand can expect competitive salaries, especially as they advance through ranks such as first officer to captain. Entry-level airline pilots may start with annual incomes around NZD 75,000. Captains on international routes for major airlines can earn up to NZD 392,000 (TEC research). Employment prospects for aeroplane pilots are favourable, supported by the steady growth in passenger and cargo flights both regionally and globally. Additionally, with projected pilot shortages globally, New Zealand-trained pilots are in high demand internationally, further enhancing job security and career advancement opportunities.

Source: Career NZ

Flight Instructor Income & Employment Prospects

Flight instructors in New Zealand play a vital role in training new generations of pilots, especially with the country's status as a renowned hub for pilot training due to its diverse flying conditions and advanced infrastructure. Entry-level flight instructors generally earn between NZD 50,000 and NZD 80,000 annually, with income increasing to around NZD 100,000 for experienced instructors or those working at larger flight schools (MBIE, 2023). With continued investment in training facilities and increased international demand for New Zealand-trained pilots, the employment outlook for flight instructors remains positive.

Your Career Path to Success in Aviation & Airlines

we believe every aviation student deserves the best possible start to their career. We are committed to delivering training that ensures positive employment outcomes.

Drawing from New Zealand's rich aviation industry and staying aligned with the latest trends, we equip our students with competitive skills essential for success.

To further enhance career prospects, we are proud to partner with global airlines, offering cadet training programs that align with industry standards and professional requirements. These partnerships ensure our graduates are industry-ready and create meaningful career pathways, connecting them with opportunities that support a seamless transition into professional roles within aviation.

Flight Instructor

Kaiwhakaako Waka Rererangi

Alternative titles for this job

Flight instructors teach people how to fly aeroplanes, helicopters or other aircraft.

Pay

Entry and mid-level flight instructors usually earn **\$47K-\$70K** per year

Experienced and senior flight instructors usually earn **\$70K-\$100K** per year

Job opportunities



Chances of getting a job as a flight instructor are good due to increased demand for their services.

Length of training



2-3 years of training usually required.

Global Recognition of Qualifications & Licences

The New Zealand Aviation Academy (NZAA) qualifications are highly respected and internationally recognized. Our academic certifications, accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), are accepted across WTO member countries, ensuring compliance with global standards. In addition, pilot licences issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA) are recognized by all 193 ICAO member states, giving NZAvAc graduates exceptional career mobility to pursue opportunities worldwide and build fulfilling aviation careers.



NEW ZEALAND AVIATION ACADEMY

New Zealand Aviation Academy is a premier Aviation Training Organization certificated under the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA) Part 141. As a tertiary education provider, it holds New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approval of Private Training Establishment (PTE).

New Zealand Aviation Academy has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, often referred to as the 'Code of Practice' published by the Minister of Education. New Zealand Aviation Academy complies with the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Mission

New Zealand Aviation Academy's mission is to empower individuals to achieve their dreams of flying through exceptional training, a commitment to safety, and unwavering professionalism. We strive to nurture skilled pilots who meet the highest standards of the global aviation industry.

Vision

Our vision is to be a leading global aviation academy recognized for excellence in pilot training, safety, and professionalism. By collaborating with airlines and tertiary education institutes worldwide, we aim to develop world-class pilots equipped to meet the needs of the global aviation industry.

Values

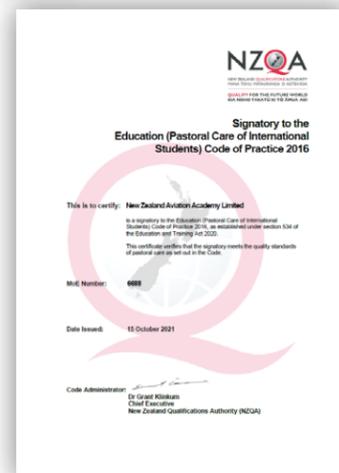
- Providing Excellence in Training: Delivering world-class aviation training that consistently meets and exceeds industry standards, equipping our students for successful careers.
- Developing Talented Professionals: Cultivating highly skilled pilots to meet the global demand for exceptional aviation talent.
- Prioritizing Safety and Professionalism: Fostering a culture rooted in safety, professionalism, and continuous improvement among students and staff.
- Building Strategic Partnerships: Collaborating with industry stakeholders to enhance training opportunities and create impactful career pathways for our graduates.
- Ensuring Sustainable Growth: Securing long-term success through prudent management and innovation, fostering responsible growth and continuity.



* New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)



** Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA)



Why New Zealand Aviation Academy?

NZQA Approval

We are proud to be accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), ensuring that our programs meet high educational standards and provide nationally recognized qualifications.

CAA Part 141 Certificated

As a Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA) Part 141-certificated Aviation Training Organization, we meet the rigorous regulatory standards for pilot training, offering a structured and professional pathway to becoming a pilot.

Airport with ATC

Located at Nelson Airport, our students benefit from real-world air traffic control (ATC) interactions, providing a realistic training environment where they gain hands-on experience with professional aviation operations.

Experienced Instructor Team

Our highly experienced instructors bring decades of industry expertise to their teaching. With backgrounds in airline and flight training, they are dedicated to helping students succeed in both theory and practice.

Modern Fleet & Facilities

Our modern fleet and cutting-edge training facilities are designed to provide students with the best possible learning environment.

Airline Academic Standards

Our syllabus is continually updated to the latest industry developments, ensuring students meet high airline standards. The structured curriculum and advanced systems help students build a solid knowledge base and achieve success.

Desirable Aviation Climate

Nelson is renowned for its favourable aviation climate, with clear skies, top sunshine hours and consistent weather, providing optimal conditions for flight training throughout the year.

Privileged Location & Airspace

Nelson offers a unique geographical location with stunning scenic views and diverse airspace, from coastal to mountainous regions. This gives our students unparalleled variety in their flight training.





Newshub: New Zealand's Best Regional Airport



Our Base

Nelson Airport (Māori: Te Papa Waka Rererangi o Whakatū) (IATA: NSN, ICAO: NZNS), located 6 km south-west of central Nelson, is the sixth-busiest airport in New Zealand by 1.2 million passengers annually. Its scheduled airlines reach to Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North.

Nelson Airport features a single asphalt runway, approximately 2,000 meters in length, accommodating a variety of aircraft, including commercial jets and general aviation planes. The runway is equipped with modern lighting and navigation aids, ensuring safe operations during all hours. Additionally, the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower at Nelson Airport serves as a vital command center, overseeing the safe and efficient movement of air traffic within the airport's airspace.

Air Traffic Control

The Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower at Nelson Airport serves as the central command hub for managing the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the airport's airspace. ATC controllers provide essential services such as aircraft separation, clearance and instructions, weather information, emergency response, and airport operations oversight. For pilot students, interacting with Nelson Airport's ATC tower offers invaluable real-world experience, helping them understand the intricacies of communication, navigation, and decision-making in controlled airspace. Through guidance from ATC controllers, students gain practical skills and confidence that are essential for their future careers as pilots.



Our Campus

Our campus is located in the Airport House Building at Nelson Airport, placing students at the heart of the aviation industry. The campus is immersed in an aviation-focused environment, providing students with direct exposure to industry operations. Our location is strategically close to key industry partners, including Air New Zealand Regional Maintenance and other aviation service providers, which enhances students' overall understanding of the aviation sector. This proximity offers invaluable opportunities for networking, collaboration, and gaining real-world insights into aviation practices, helping students build a solid foundation for their careers.



Our Instruction Team



Leiv Bjerga
Chief Executive Officer

Leiv Bjerga's aviation career spans more than 45 years, having first entered the industry as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer before transitioning to air force aircrew operations, air traffic control, airline safety, and executive aviation leadership.

His flying experience includes about 5,000 aircrew hours as a Mission Commander, Navigator, and Air Warfare Officer in the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF), operating maritime and transport aircraft.

Leiv brings 20 years' experience as an Air Traffic Controller, including tower, radar, and procedural control environments, along with classroom and simulator instructional delivery for both domestic and international trainees.

As a Flight Safety Specialist with Air New Zealand, Leiv served as a principal investigator and contributed to the strengthening of airline-wide Safety Management Systems.

Across his career, he has trained and mentored hundreds of aviation professionals in air navigation, air traffic services and aircraft engineering.

Leiv's management experience includes senior executive and operational leadership roles across air force, airline, airport, and tertiary education environments. He has also held senior operational accountability within an ICAO-aligned Middle Eastern aviation environment, advising regulatory authorities and overseeing air transport services for ATC and international airport operations.

Leiv's career reflects a unique integration of engineering, air force aviation, air traffic control, airline safety, and executive governance experience, underpinned by a lifelong commitment to aviation safety, regulatory excellence, and organisational leadership.



Stuart Graham
Safety Manager

Stuart Graham's aviation experience comes from over 50 years in commercial aviation, starting initially as a general aviation flying instructor through to airline flight examiner with approvals covering CAANZ Parts 135, 125 and 121. He has held instructor approvals continuously since qualifying as a C Cat Instructor. Licences held include Australian (CASA), USA (FAA), Vanuatu (CAAV), Fiji (CAAF) and PNG(CASA).

Having held an ATPL for over 30 years, he has flown many General Aviation types and corporate aircraft including (Cessna CJ1,3 and 4, C580 and C510). In the airline environment, he has flown DCH8, ATR, B737 and BAe146 types.

Stuart has over 20,000 hours roughly split 50/50 between light aircraft (Instructing and Aerial work) and Airline/corporate flying.

Stuart's management experience comes from various senior person roles, including CFI, Fleet Manager, Manager of Flight Operations, Manager of Training, Safety Systems Manager, and CEO roles. He has held CAANZ senior person roles continuously for the past 28 years.

Stuart is also owns and runs his own NZ CAA Part 141 Training organisation, specialising in web-based courses for staff involved in aviation.

As Chief Flight Instructor (CFI) and Training Manager, Struan brings decades of operational and instructional experience across some of the most demanding flying environments in New Zealand and abroad.

He began his aviation career during the early years of New Zealand's deer recovery operations, flying in the rugged terrain of Fiordland where he developed exceptional mountain flying expertise. He later spent several decades in the Wakatipu region as a Senior Flight Instructor and Training Manager, supporting large-scale commercial flight operations servicing destinations such as Milford Sound, Mount Cook, and seasonal operations for the Hollyford and Milford Track.

Struan's experience extends to helicopter operations and international flying across Australia, Indonesia, Papua, Myanmar, Malaysia, and Nepal. He has contributed to aerial geological research and disaster-related projects, and spent many years coordinating medical and supply flights in remote regions, where he also developed check and training programmes for local and international flight crews.

More recently, Struan played a key role in a six-year nationwide mapping project for Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), undertaking digital aerial photography and terrain mapping to support flood modelling and geospatial analysis. His in-depth knowledge of New Zealand's diverse landscapes provides students with invaluable operational insight.

Struan combines strong technical capability with a deep commitment to professional flight training, ensuring students receive practical, industry-aligned instruction grounded in real-world aviation experience.



Struan Robertson
(Training Manager & Chief Flight Instructor)

Our in-house Examiner Cam Wilson is an experienced General Aviation and Airline pilot with a diverse array of skills and experience across his 12,000 hrs and 20 years in the industry.

Cam attained his A-Category instructor rating aged 22 and has since been an active industry participant instructing and Examining in Single and Multi-Engine aircraft, Instrument, Tailwheel and Aerobatic flight training.

Cam has over 20 GA type ratings, has held a command on the DHC-8 and has been working on the Boeing 777/787 for the last 9 years.

Alongside his examining duties, Cam is available for advanced flight and ground training, and assists with our Instructor upgrade programs.



Cam Wilson
In-house Examiner (A-Cat)

Aaron's passion for aviation began at a young age when his uncle introduced him to flying in a Cessna 172. That early experience shaped his ambition and led him to complete his flight training in the Waikato at the Hamilton Aero Club.



Aaron Sutton
Senior Instructor (B-Cat)

In 2018, Aaron began his instructional career at one of New Zealand's largest international flight training schools, specialising in airline-focused training for students from Europe and Asia. He has instructed more than 60 cadets, many of whom have progressed to airlines including easyJet, Oman Air, and Hong Kong Airlines.

Aaron brings strong experience in training international students and is committed to helping aspiring pilots develop the skills, discipline, and confidence required for commercial and airline careers.



Robert Covich
Maintenance Controller

Robert is a dedicated C-Category Flight Instructor who began his aviation journey in 2019 in New Zealand's Far North. He completed his commercial training at the Massey University School of Aviation, graduating with a Bachelor of Aviation and gaining his CPL, Multi-Engine Instrument Rating (MEIR), and frozen ATPL.

Driven by a passion for teaching, Robert later completed a Diploma in Flight Instruction. He is committed to mentoring the next generation of pilots, focusing on building strong technical skills, sound judgement, and professional confidence in the cockpit.

CAA Standard Safety Management

At New Zealand Aviation Academy, quality aviation education begins with robust safety control. Our Academy Safety Policy places safety at the centre of all training and operations, with full adherence to Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA) standards and a clear commitment to a zero-harm objective.

Our structured Safety Management System (SMS) applies proactive risk identification, defined accountability, and continuous performance monitoring across all flight and ground training activities. This ensures regulatory compliance and operational discipline at every level.

Aligned with CAA reporting protocols, our transparent incident reporting framework supports timely corrective action and continuous improvement. Supported by strong policies and clearly defined procedures, we foster a professional safety culture and provide a secure, well-governed training environment for all students and staff.

Our Programmes

Qualification/Programme

The qualifications issued by New Zealand Aviation Academy are recognized by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and the education authorities in other WTO countries.

Modular Courses

The professional licences issued by CAA are recognized by 193 Member States of The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Diploma in Aviation (General Aviation) (Level 5)

- Phase 1** Private Pilot Licence (PPL)
- Phase 2** Integrated Commercial Pilot Licence + Instrument Flight Rating
- Phase 3** Multi-Engine Instrument Rating
- Phase 4** Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

Diploma in Aviation (Flight Instruction) (Level 6)

C-Category Flight Instructor Rating

Diploma in Aviation (Airline Preparation) (Level 6)

Airline Transport Pilot Licence (Frozen)

Multi-Crew Integration Course (MCI)

Diploma in Aviation (General Aviation) (Level 5)

Programme Level: 5

Credits: 243

Programme Duration: 70 Weeks

Total Flight Time: 241 Hours

Programme Overview

Graduates of this programme are qualified commercial pilots, and will meet the eligibility requirements to operate as commercial pilots under the appropriate New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules for General Aviation. Furthermore, the qualification and licences enable holders to legally operate aircraft for commercial purposes internationally with the ability to exercise privileges granted by an ICAO recognized Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL).

Programme Outcomes

Graduates of this qualification will be able to Independently or with another pilot prepare for, plan and fly a small single or multi-engine aircraft, operating the aircraft within its performance capabilities and limitations in accordance with the aircraft flight manual in all normal, abnormal and emergency conditions and procedures while exercising appropriate levels of judgement and command, and maintaining safe operating conditions for all geographical areas and flying conditions encountered in New Zealand, as defined and specified in CAA Rule Part 61 and applicable Advisory Circulars.

Programme Flight Time

- Single-Engine Aeroplane: - 95.5 Hours Dual Flight
- 103 Hours Solo Flight
- Multi-Engine Aeroplane: - 22.5 Hours Dual Flight
- Simulator: - 20 Hours Flight

Qualification & Licence

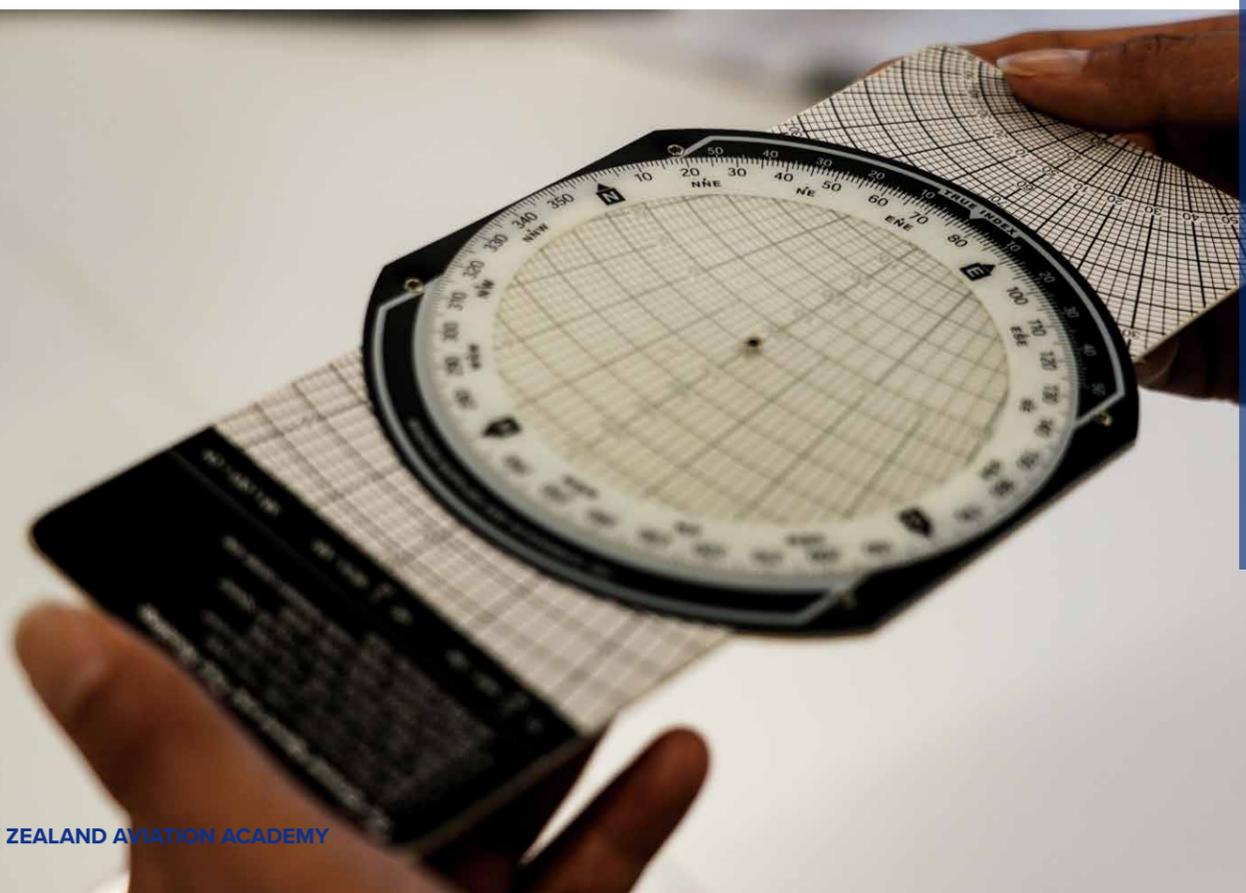
1. New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (General Aviation) (Level 5)
2. Private Pilot Licence
3. Commercial Pilot Licence
4. Multi-Engine Instrument Rating

Employment Pathway

Holders of this qualification are able to work as commercial pilots of an aeroplane engaged in general aviation under the relevant Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Rules or in the associated support industries such as flight planning and aircraft operations.

Education Pathway

On completion of this qualification, graduates may progress to the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (Level 6) with strands in Aeroplane Flight Instruction, Aeroplane Airline Preparation, or higher-level aviation study.



Diploma in Aviation (General Aviation) (Level 5)

PHASE 01 Private Pilot Licence

Take the first step to a career in Aviation. A Private Pilot Licence (PPL) permits you to be a pilot-in-command of an aircraft for private or recreational use. Find out how New Zealand Aviation Academy can help you get up in the air and in control, quickly and professionally.

- Practical*** Minimum 50 hours, including
- 35 hours dual flight
 - 15 hours solo flight
- Theory**
- Flight Radiotelephony (FRTO)
 - PPL Air Law
 - PPL Air Navigation and Flight Planning
 - PPL Human Factors
 - PPL Meteorology
 - PPL Aircraft Technical Knowledge and Principles of Flight

PHASE 02 Integrated Commercial Pilot Licence + Instrument Flight Rating (Step 1: Commercial Pilot Licence Theory + Cross Country Flight)

If you want to pursue a professional aviation career, then you will need a Commercial Pilot Licence. This licence lets you be in control of a commercial aircraft as a professional pilot. New Zealand Aviation Academy can train you to the required standard to achieve this.

- Practical*** Minimum 50 hours commercial pilot licence cross country flight, including
- 10 hours dual flight
 - 10 hours solo flight
 - 10 hours dual or solo flight
 - Cross country flight test
- Theory**
- CPL Principles of Flight
 - CPL Air Law
 - CPL Aircraft Technical Knowledge
 - CPL Human Factors
 - CPL Navigation and Flight Planning
 - CPL Meteorology

PHASE 03 Multi-Engine Instrument Rating

Prior to completion of a Commercial Pilot Licence, all students will gain this endorsement. A Single-Engine or Multi-Engine Instrument Rating allows the pilot to operate in instrument meteorological conditions (i.e., fly in cloud), and is the standard in professional aviation. Be work-ready with a MEIR upon completion of this integrated course.

- Practical*** Minimum 40 hours, including
- 20 hours simulator
 - 22 hours instrument flight
- Theory**
- Instrument Rating Air Law
 - Instrument Rating Navigation Aids
 - Instrument Rating Navigation

PHASE 04 Commercial Pilot Licence (Step 2)

Completion of the final stage of the Commercial Pilot Licence

- Practical*** Minimum 200 hours, including
- 100 hours dual flight
 - 100 hours solo flight

* The minimum requirement by Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand

Diploma in Aviation (Flight Instruction) (Level 6)

Programme Level: 6

Credits: 103

Programme Duration: 24 Weeks

Total Flight Time: 78 Hours

Programme Overview

Graduates of this programme will be qualified commercial pilots, with a Category C Flight Instructor Rating, and will be able to exercise the privileges under the appropriate New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules for flight instruction.

The aim of this course is to provide the skills and knowledge necessary to embark on a career as a flight instructor, the traditional pathway towards positions in the airline industry. The qualification and licence entitle the holders to legally undertake Flight Instruction, enabling them to impart flight training to aspiring pilots (i.e. teach people to fly).

Programme Outcomes

Graduates of this qualification will be able to instruct a diverse population of students in ground subjects and the art of flying, from the private through commercial pilot and instrument ratings on single or multi-engine aircraft; to meet the requirements of a CAANZ Category C Flight Instructor Aeroplane, as defined and specified in CAA Rule Part 61 and applicable Advisory Circulars.

Qualification & Licence

1. New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (Flight Instruction) (Level 6)
2. C-Category Flight Instructor Rating

Employment Pathway

Graduates of this qualification are able to work as commercial pilots of an aeroplane engaged in flight instruction under the relevant CAA Rules.



Diploma in Aviation (Airline Preparation) (Level 6)

Programme Level: 6

Credits: 121

Programme Duration: 15 Weeks

Total Flight Time: 20 Sim Hours

Programme Overview

Graduates of this programme will be qualified commercial pilots, with a frozen Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL). They will gain the knowledge needed to step into jet and turbo-propelled aircraft and will hold valid written examination credit covering the Basic Gas Turbine Knowledge (BGT). The Multi-Crew Integration Course (MCI) also will enable pilots to be ready for an airline multi-crew cockpit and the systems and the operations to work in associated industry roles.

Programme Outcomes

Graduates of this qualification will be able to Operate as the pilot-in-command on a single pilot aircraft or as the co-pilot of a multi-engine multi-crew aircraft by applying knowledge of the CAANZ Airline Transport Licence rating theory subjects for aeroplanes, to ensure effective cockpit and flight crew dynamics, whilst confidently managing automation, complex equipment and technically challenging systems present within airline air transport operations, as defined and specified in CAA Rule Part 61 and applicable Advisory Circulars (AC61-7).

Qualification & Licence

1. New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (Airline Preparation) (Level 6)
2. Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) - Frozen



Our Modular Training Courses

Private Pilot Licence (PPL)

Course Duration: 16-20 Weeks Total Flight Time: 68 Hours

This course comprises six theory papers and 68 hours of flight time, spanning 16 to 20 weeks. It is ideal for students pursuing flying for recreational purposes and is open to self-funded applicants.

Theory Subjects:

- PPL Flight Radiotelephony (FRTO)
- PPL Navigation and Flight Planning
- PPL Air Law
- PPL Meteorology
- PPL Human Factors
- PPL Aircraft Technical Knowledge

Flight Training:

- Dual Instruction
- Solo Flying

Multi-Engine Instrument Rating

Programme Duration: 16-18 Weeks

Total Flight/Sim Time: 50 Hours

Pre-requisites: PPL and all CPL theory exams

This course spans 16 to 18 weeks and includes three theory papers (Law, Navigation, and Navigation Aids), along with exams, practical flight training, and an Instrument Rating flight test.

Theory Subjects:

- Instrument Rating Navigation
- Instrument Rating Law
- Instrument Rating Navigation Aids

Flight Training:

- Dual Instruction in the Simulator
- Dual Instruction in the Single Engine Instrument Aircraft
- Dual Instruction in the Twin Engine Instrument Aircraft

C-Category Flight Instructor Rating

Course Duration: 12-15 Weeks

Total Flight Time: 78 Hours

This course spans 12 to 15 weeks and includes 78 hours of flight time building. It is tailored for students pursuing a career as a flight instructor.

Theory:

- Instructional Techniques Course (valid for 1 year only)
- Six-week C-Cat ground course

Flight Training:

- Dual Instruction
- Solo Flying
- Spin Recovery Training

Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)

Course Duration: 36-40 Weeks Total Flight Time: 125 Hours

Pre-requisites: Private Pilot Licence

This course spans 36 to 40 weeks and includes 125 hours of flight time. Building on the achievement of a PPL, it is well-suited for students aspiring to careers in scenic flying or agricultural operations.

Theory Subjects:

- CPL Navigation and Flight Planning
- CPL Air Law
- CPL Meteorology
- CPL Human Factors
- CPL Aircraft Technical Knowledge
- CPL Principles of Flight

Flight Training:

- Single Engine Instrument Rating (SEIR)
- Cross Country Flying
- Night Flying
- Simulator Flying
- Dual Instruction
- Solo Flying
- Flight Test

Commercial Pilot Licence /Instrument Rating (Multi-Engine) (CPL MEIR)

Course Duration: 52-58 Weeks

Total Flight/Sim Time: 174 Hours

Pre-requisites: Private Pilot Licence

This course spans 52 to 58 weeks and includes 174 hours of flight time. Building on the foundation of a PPL, it encompasses the Commercial Pilot Licence and Multi-Engine Instrument Rating, making it ideal for students aiming for a career in the airline industry.

Theory Subjects:

- CPL Navigation and Flight Planning
- CPL Air Law
- CPL Meteorology
- CPL Human Factors
- CPL Aircraft Technical Knowledge
- CPL Principles of Flight

Flight Training:

- Single Engine Instrument Rating (SEIR)
- Multi Engine Instrument Rating (MEIR)
- Cross Country Flying
- Night Flying
- Simulator Flying
- Dual Instruction
- Solo Flying
- Flight Test

Airline Transport Pilot Licence (Frozen)

Course Duration: 22-25 Weeks

Pre-requisites: Commercial Pilot Licence

This 22- to 25-week theory course is meticulously designed to prepare students for the ATPL and Basic Gas Turbine Knowledge (BGT) exams, adhering to the syllabus outlined in AC61-7 and AC61-10 as specified by CAANZ. The MCI course equips students with an Instrument Flight Rating to navigate the complex demands of a multi-crew cockpit environment. Upon successfully completing the seven theory subjects, students will be awarded a "frozen" ATPL. Additionally, all pilots operating jet or turbo-propelled aircraft are required to pass the BGT exam.

Theory Subjects:

- ATPL Air Law
- ATPL Human Factors
- ATPL Meteorology
- ATPL Flight Planning
- ATPL Air Navigation
- ATPL Advanced Aerodynamics, Performance and Aircraft Systems
- ATPL Instrument & Navigation Aids
- Basic Gas Turbine Knowledge(BGT)

Multi-Crew Integration Course (MCI)

Course Duration: 8 Weeks

Total Flight Time: 36 Hours

The MCI course provides students who have an Instrument Flight Rating with the detailed introduction to the many demands of a multi-crew cockpit environment.

Flight Training:

- 18 hours pilot flying
- 18 hours Pilot Monitoring (PM) in complex Fixed-base Simulator B737/A320

Human Factors

- Multi-crew roles
- Monitoring
- Situational awareness
- Workload management and automation
- Threat and error management
- Problem solving and decision making
- Teamwork

The Role of an Airline Pilot

- Interpersonal skills
- Professionalism
- Personal integrity
- Physical integrity (health)
- Dealing with commercial pressures

Safety Management Systems

- Operational Occurrence Reporting (OOR)
- Just culture

Managing Threats to Safe Flight

- Severe environment
- System failures

Use of Operational Documents

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Quick Reference Handbook (QRH)
- Despatch Deviation Guide, Minimum Equipment List (DDG/MEL)
- Route Guide
- Normal and non-normal checklists
- Performance calculations

Advanced Aircraft Systems

- Electronic Flight Instrument Systems (EFIS)
- Flight Management Computer (FMC) and Autopilot
- Pressurisation systems
- Traffic Collision and Avoidance System (TCAS)
- Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS)
- Weather radar
- Anti-ice systems.
- Stall warning systems

Primary Flight Management (all phases of flight)

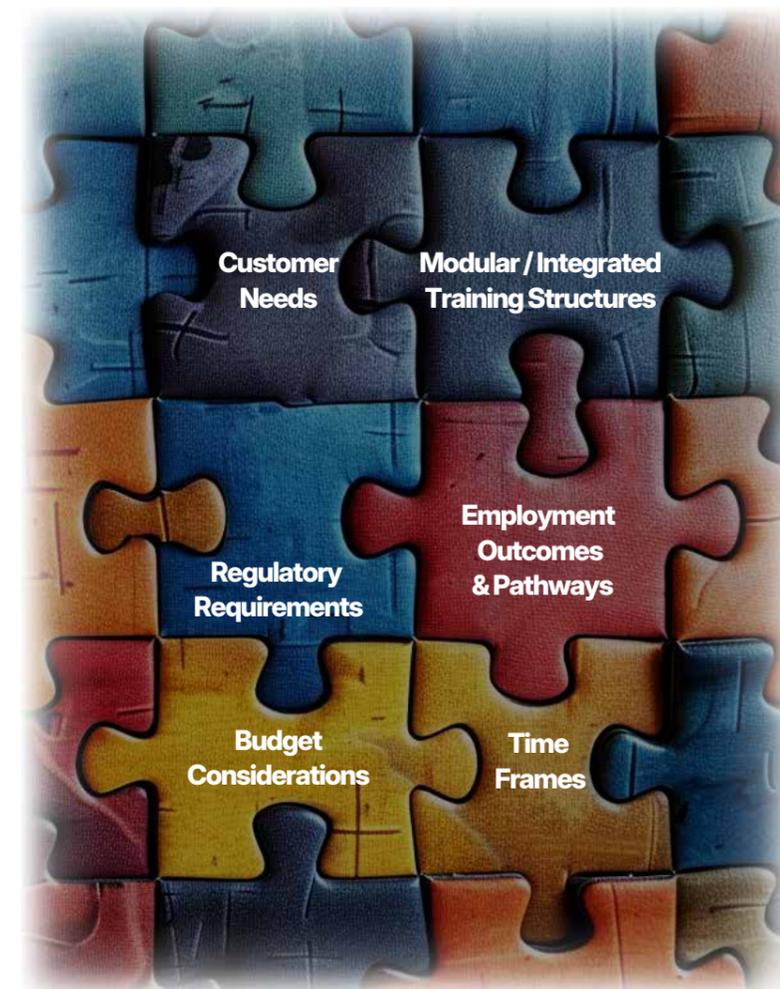
36 hours FBS per crew (18 hours pilot flying, 18 hours pilot monitoring) in fixedbased high performance simulators(KingAir & B737NG).

Specialised Training Programme

The New Zealand Aviation Academy offers its programmes through various delivery methods, tailored to factors such as customer needs, regulatory requirements, budget considerations, modular or integrated training structures, employment outcomes, and time frames.

New Zealand Aviation Academy adheres to the standard format mandated by the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), programmes can be customized to meet the specific requirements of clients, including airlines and regional aviation authorities.

We are happy to advise you on the best programme tailored to meet your specific needs and budget! For more information, please contact our Deputy CEO at: raymond.lin@newzealandaviation.co.nz.



Our Fleet

Diamond DA40 Diamond Star

The Diamond DA40 Diamond Star is a modern, high-performance aircraft in the academy's training fleet. Efficient, reliable, and highly responsive, it is well suited for advanced VFR and IFR training.

The aircraft is equipped with the Garmin G1000 integrated avionics suite, providing students with hands-on experience in a contemporary glass cockpit environment. The PFD and MFD integrate flight, navigation, and engine information, enhancing situational awareness and supporting a smooth transition to more complex aircraft and commercial operations.

- 5.1 gal/h
- 154 kts
- 16,400 ft
- 934 nm
- 4 seats
- 897 lbs



Cessna 172 Skyhawk

The Cessna 172 Skyhawk is known for its stability and reliability. Its high-wing design offers excellent visibility for both visual and instrument training.

Our C172 features the Garmin G1000 integrated flight deck, introducing students to modern glass-cockpit technology. With clear Primary and Multi-Function Displays, the system integrates flight, navigation, engine, and situational awareness information — preparing students for today's commercial environments.



CAA-Certified Simulator

New Zealand Aviation Academy's CAA-certified simulator provides a state-of-the-art training experience, replicating real-world flying conditions with exceptional accuracy. Equipped with advanced visuals, responsive controls, and realistic aerodynamics, it enables pilots to practice essential skills, from instrument navigation to emergency procedures, in a safe and controlled environment.

This simulator meets CAA standards, offering a cost-effective, eco-friendly, and highly reliable training tool to develop confident and skilled aviators.



Cessna 152

The Cessna 152 is a proven two-seat training aircraft known for its simplicity, reliability, and economical operation. Its high-wing configuration provides excellent visibility and stable handling characteristics, making it an ideal platform for ab initio flight training and fundamental skill development.

Responsive yet forgiving, the C152 allows students to build strong core flying skills, including aircraft control, circuit training, and basic navigation. Its straightforward cockpit layout supports focused learning, helping students develop confidence and sound airmanship from the very beginning of their aviation journey.



Admission Criteria and Process

Diploma in Aviation (General Aviation) (Level 5)

1. Be 18 years of age or over at the start of the programme; and
2. Hold NCEA Level 2, or complete the secondary education (high school education), or equivalent; and
3. Hold an Aviation Class 1 Medical Certificate; and
4. Meet the Fit and Proper Person requirements of CAA; and
5. For international student, must have an IELTS Academic score of 5.5, with no band score lower than 5 or equivalent to NZQA's acceptable evidence of English language proficiency. (Please refer to the English Proficiency Requirements for International Students)

Diploma in Aviation (Flight Instruction and Airline Preparation) (Level 6)

1. Hold an Aviation Class 1 Medical Certificate; and
2. Meet the Fit and Proper person requirements of CAANZ; and
3. Complete the Level 5 New Zealand Diploma in Aviation
4. Hold a current Commercial Pilot Licence for the appropriate category aircraft and an Instrument Rating

English Language Proficiency

If you are an international applicant and your first language is not English, you will need to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. You can demonstrate this by achieving the required score in an approved English language test, such as IELTS. All test results are valid for two years from the date on the test certificate and all English language requirements must be met within one test certificate.

Internationally recognised proficiency tests	Programme Level and required outcome	
	Diploma at Level 5	Diploma at Level 6
IELTS test	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5
TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)
Cambridge English Qualifications	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill
OET	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests
NZCEL	Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	Level 4 (Academic)
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42
LanguageCert	B2 Communicator International ESOL Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS	C1 Expert International ESOL Written (LRW) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill and Spoken (S) PASS
Trinity ISE	ISW II with no less than merit in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction in any band

Application Process

Step 1: Submit Application with Supporting Documents

Submit the following documents to our admission team at admin@newzealandaviation.co.nz.

1. A completed application form
2. Your CV
3. Academic certificate and transcripts including secondary and tertiary results (certified copies if issued overseas)
4. A certified copy of your photo ID
5. Proof of English proficiency
6. Class One Medical Certificate (if available)
7. Fit and Proper Person Report (if available)
8. Pilot licence or flight log (if applicable)

Once all required documents are received, we will acknowledge your application. If additional information is needed, a team member will contact you.

Step 2: Attend Course Selection Interview

If your application is successful, you will be invited to attend an interview with our admissions team. This interview will assess your aptitude, commitment, and suitability for the programme/course.

Step 3: Accept Offer of Admission

Following a successful interview, we will issue you a Letter of Offer. To accept, please sign and return the Acceptance of Offer.

Step 4: Complete Payment of Fees

After accepting the offer, you must pay the first instalment of fees as outlined in the Letter of Offer.

Step 5: Obtain Student Visa (for International Students)

International students must apply for a student visa to study in New Zealand. A Letter of Offer and receipt of fees will be provided to assist with your visa application.

Step 6: Attend Orientation

Orientation is a formal welcome event held before classes begin. Family and friends are welcome to join. We look forward to meeting you and supporting the start of your aviation journey.

For more information, please talk to our enrolment team at admin@newzealandaviation.co.nz.

What exciting career opportunities await you after completing your pilot training?

The aviation industry offers incredible long-term opportunities for aspiring commercial pilots. With global air travel demand rebounding to nearly pre-pandemic levels and fleet expansions on the rise, the industry is experiencing unprecedented growth. This resurgence highlights an urgent need for skilled pilots to support a vibrant and evolving sector.

Boeing forecasts that 674,000 new pilots will be required over the next 20 years to operate and maintain the growing global commercial fleet. Factors such as a decline in new pilot entrants, a surge in retirements, and increasing fleet sizes are creating an exciting demand for well-trained professionals.



As a proud member of the global aviation community, New Zealand Aviation Academy is collaborating closely with industry partners to provide world-class cadet training and create clear employment pathways for our graduates.

By choosing the New Zealand Aviation Academy, you will gain industry-ready skills and valuable connections through our career pathways, equipping you to launch a fulfilling career and achieve lasting success in the aviation industry.

Accommodation

Our accommodation offers a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment designed to make your stay enjoyable and stress-free. Our dedicated pastoral care team is available throughout your stay, ensuring your safety and wellbeing are always prioritized.

About the Residence - Self-Catered Flats

These self-catered flats, owned by local citizens or managed by property agents, and operated by the New Zealand Aviation Academy, typically house three to four residents. Fully furnished for your convenience, the flats provide a welcoming space to live and study.

Self-Catered Flats Features



- Noise, event, alcohol and smoking ban
- Residential fees include reasonable use of electricity, heating, gas and water
- Weekly cleaning for shared communal spaces and toilets is included
- Wi-Fi network available



Each single bedroom contains:

- Long single bed
- Desk and chair
- Wardrobe
- Pillow, blankets, linen, and towels



- Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms.
- Shared communal spaces and toilets cleaned weekly by cleaning services
- Flat has laundry facilities



Shared bathroom/toilet in each house, shared between residents. Bathroom/toilet contains:

- Shower
- Toilet
- Hand basin



- Fully furnished kitchens with fridge, microwave, oven and kettle
- Kitchen pack provided for residents use



• Televisions supplied in communal area in flats

Room Type	Features
Single Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your own bedroom • shared bathroom per flat • fixed term residential: 18 months • payment is made every six months with a two-week advance required by the end of the previous term.
Larger Single Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one master bedroom with a single bed • private bathroom • fixed term residential: 18 months • payment is made every six months with a two-week advance required by the end of the previous term.



* Pictures for reference only

Student Support Services

At NZAA, we're proud to create an inclusive environment, warmly welcoming both domestic and international students into a community where growth and support are at the heart of what we do.

Our Student Support Team is here to help you build the confidence, resilience, and connections you'll need to succeed as a future pilot.



Uniform



School Bus



Safe Location



Accommodation



English Programme



Recreation & Sports

Student Pastoral Care

New Zealand Aviation Academy has agreed to observe and be bound by the New Zealand Qualification Authority's Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Copies of the Code are available at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/know-the-code.

Orientation

Orientation is a compulsory programme designed to help all new students transition smoothly into academy life. The Student Support Team hosts tailored sessions to provide essential information about studying and living in Nelson, ensuring you are well-prepared for your academic journey.

Airport pick up

The Student Support Team offers a complimentary airport pick-up service for all new international students arriving in Nelson. This service ensures a stress-free transition to your accommodation, eliminating the hassle of navigating on your own. Upon your arrival, we'll also provide helpful information to support your adjustment to life in Nelson, New Zealand, making your journey smooth and welcoming.

Campus Care

Campus Care is a safe, confidential, and free service dedicated to supporting the wellbeing and safety of everyone at the university. Our team works closely with students to understand their concerns and needs, ensuring seamless access to campus services.

Each student receives personalized support through a tailored plan designed to prioritize their best interests. A dedicated case manager is assigned to provide guidance and connect students with both internal and external services that can assist them. Whether referred by someone else or reaching out directly, students can rely on Campus Care for advice and support whenever they need it.

Be Well | Student Wellbeing

The Student Support Team is dedicated to nurturing your physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing, ensuring you thrive during your time at the New Zealand Aviation Academy. Through a proactive and holistic approach, the team offers valuable resources, practical tools, and supportive initiatives to enhance your health, reduce stress, and create a strong sense of community. Their efforts include hosting engaging events and delivering impactful training sessions to foster connection, resilience, and belonging.

International Student Support

We recognize the unique challenges international students face when adapting to life in a new country. Our dedicated team provides comprehensive facilities and support tailored to your background and needs.

We are here to assist with a wide range of concerns, including immigration advice, health and wellbeing, and personal support. For urgent matters, we offer a 24/7 emergency contact service, ensuring our staff are available to support you anytime, day or night.

Inclusive Community Support

Our Academy celebrates a vibrant community enriched by diverse cultures, identities, ethnicities, and values. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe environment where all students feel valued and supported. With a variety of inclusive services tailored to embrace your unique identity, we strive to ensure that everyone can thrive and belong.

Essential Information

Student Visas

The New Zealand Government requires all international students to possess a valid study visa that covers their enrollment period at New Zealand Aviation Academy. Your visa must accurately reflect the programme and institution you are enrolled in.

Before applying for your visa, ensure that you have been accepted into your programme, have adequate financial support, and have gathered all the required documents. For further details, please visit the Immigration New Zealand website at www.immigration.govt.nz.

Employment

As an international student, you may be eligible to work part-time for up to 25 hours per week during your studies, and full-time during scheduled academy holidays. For the most up-to-date information on student visa work conditions, please refer to Immigration New Zealand.

Upon completion of your programme, you can apply for a post-study work visa for up to three years. During this period, you may also be eligible to apply for residency if you meet the requirements set by Immigration New Zealand.

Living Cost

Approximate weekly living costs 2024 (\$NZ)*		
Accommodation	\$400-\$450	Arranged by New Zealand Aviation Academy including water, electricity and the Internet
Shuttle bus	\$50.00	Arranged by New Zealand Aviation Academy
Mobile phone plan	\$5.00-10.00	One NZ, 2 Degrees, Spark, Skinny etc.
Food	\$150.00	

Typical purchase (\$NZ)*	
Milk (1 litre)	\$3.50
Eggs (1 dozen)	\$9.00-\$12.00
Bread	\$3.50
Big Mac Combo	\$15.20
Pizza (large)	\$8-\$25
Haircut	Average \$25

* These costs are approximate, and are as at June 2024.

All prices are quoted in \$NZD. You can convert these prices to your own country's currency on www.xe.com.

Disclaimer

Although we make every reasonable effort to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the New Zealand Aviation Academy must consult its official document to ensure they are aware of academic programmes and courses together with academic regulations and policies, governing admission, enrolment, fees and examinations.

Health and Travel Insurance

All international students are required by law to have suitable health and travel insurance. New Zealand Aviation Academy recommends a policy that meets New Zealand government standards.

During enrolment, you will apply for the insurance with our admission team. You will receive full details of the coverage in your insurance application process.

Accident Insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) offers accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors, including international students. However, you may still be responsible for other medical and related expenses. For more information, visit acc.co.nz.

Privacy

The New Zealand Aviation Academy undertakes to collect, store, use and disclose information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020. Further details of how the Academy handles your information are set out in the Policy - Privacy Statement from the Student Support Team or by emailing admin@newzealandaviation.co.nz.

Frequently Asked Questions

How safe is flight instruction?

Compared to cars, trains, boats and bicycles, aircraft are recognised as one of the safest means of transport worldwide.

We are approved by the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (NZCAA), and all theoretical and practical training are tailored to meet the strict requirements of the CAA. The maintenance of the aircraft are operated to the exacting standards also required by the CAA. This ensures a safe learning environment is maintained for peace of mind.

Is a New Zealand CPL recognised overseas?

The New Zealand CPL is well recognised worldwide, and New Zealand pilots are in popular demand by many international employers.

The licence meets the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards. In many cases, a licence conversion will simply require passing the local flight rules examination, completing a flight test and obtaining a local medical for the type of licence you hold.

I wear glasses, will this be a problem?

You will need to meet minimum medical standards, but in most cases wearing glasses will not be a problem. In fact, many airline pilots wear glasses. You can wear glasses or contact lenses so long as your vision is corrected to the required standard.

For any health issues, we recommend you consult an aviation medical examiner.

Is the academic qualification recognised overseas?

The academic qualifications issued by New Zealand Aviation Academy are recognised by NZQA and other WTO countries.

The professional licences issued by CAA are recognised by 193 Member States of The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).





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