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FLIGHT TRAINING

Your Career in Aviation

Becoming a professional pilot in the competitive field of aviation can lead to a satisfying and well-paid career. RMIT Flight Training is a specialist unit within RMIT University dedicated to training pilots through the Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation) pilot stream. Programs meet the requirements of the CASA Day VFR Syllabus and involve both classroom theory and at least 150 hours of practical flight training.

RMIT University provides a strong foundation for achieving your aviation career goals, offering:

— integrated, full-time training programs
— international recognition in some countries
— a proven track record

As an RMIT Flight Training student, there are a variety of paths you can take. You may choose flight instructor training and work as an instructor while you complete further studies. This can be a rewarding way to build your hours or even become a long-term career.

With further experience and qualifications, you may seek employment with major airlines. Although airlines typically require approximately 2000 hours total time for direct entry, First Officers, some charter companies may require as few as 200–300 hours.

As well as opportunities with commercial airlines, professional pilots may find employment in:

— emergency services
— charter and freight operators
— air work/agricultural operations
— major and regional airlines
— flight training organisations

A Flying Start to Your Career

RMIT Flight Training is committed to providing high-quality flying programs that meet regulatory requirements.

— We hold an Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Air Operators Certificate.
— Our facilities, program, and team of instructors are internationally recognised.
— We conduct training tailored to meet the requirements of several international airlines.

RMIT Flight Training has been training pilots since 1994 and has successfully trained over 1000 pilots. Graduates have been employed by airlines such as Qantas, QantasLink, Cathay Pacific, Oman Air, Emirates, and Virgin. Graduates continue to be well-situated for employment given the continuing shortage of pilots in Australia and in the Asian region.
The Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots)

RMIT Code: AD023
2016 Clearly-in ATAR: Not Published
2 years full-time, Point Cook and City campus
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad023

This associate degree provides accredited training to people looking to develop the skills and experience necessary to become a professional pilot.

You will be trained to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) standards to gain the skills required for a Commercial Pilot's Licence. You will also develop the necessary skills to apply for the Recreational Pilot Licence, the Private Pilot's Licence and the Air Transport Pilot Licence.

This program also offers electives that allow you to obtain either your Multi-Engine Command Instrument Rating or Flight Instructor Rating.

Flight training takes place at the RAAF Williams Base in Point Cook, which provides a range of airspace terrain and environments to maximise variety in your navigational experience. The non-flying related courses are delivered at the City campus, which will enable you to access RMIT Student Services and other facilities.

What You Will Study

Flight instruction includes pre-flight and post-flight briefing time, Private Pilot Licence theory, Commercial Pilot Licence theory, Air Transport Pilot Licence theory, and Instrument Rating theory or Instructor Rating Theory.

The program features at least 160 hours of flying, exceeding the minimum CASA requirement of 150 hours.

Industry Connections

This program has been endorsed by a range of aviation industry experts consisting of senior pilots/operations personnel from Australia's major airlines and aerospace organisations. You can undertake industry-supported project work within the aviation industry while studying the theory modules.

Career

If you successfully complete the program you will be eligible to apply for a CASA Commercial Pilots Licence plus either Command Instrument Rating (for multi-engine aircraft) or Flight Instructor Rating (for single engine aircraft). Additional ratings or endorsements may be necessary for initial employment.

With further experience (typically more than 200 to 300 flight hours) you may find work in multi-engine charter operations flying high-performance aircraft, regional airlines or high-performance general aviation operations such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service or Border Protection Command services. Once you've accrued more than 1500 hours of flight time you may be eligible for employment as a first officer in major airlines.

With further experience and managerial qualifications you will be able to seek positions within major airlines as a:
- chief pilot
- fleet manager
- flight operations manager
- flight operations inspector

Professional Recognition

This program meets all CASA requirements. All flying activities are conducted under RMIT University’s CASA-approved Air Operator Certificate (AOC).

Entry Requirements

Successful completion of an Australian Year 12 senior secondary certificate of education or equivalent.

Prerequisites

Units 3 and 4 – A study score of at least 20 in mathematics (any) and a study score of at least 20 in any English (except EAL) or at least 25 in English (EAL).

Selection Tasks

Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online. For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

Successful applicants are required to undergo a CASA Class 1 Medical Examination performed by a medical practitioner known as a Designated Aviation Medical Examiner. For details please visit www.casa.gov.au/amd.

Please refer to VTAC for full details on semester 1 selection requirements.

Pathways

Graduates of the Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots) may be eligible to apply for exemptions from the Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation).

Fees

Please note: The Associate Degree is a full fee program.

2017 Tuition Fee*

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FEE-HELP can cover up to $99,389* of program fees over the course of a student’s total tertiary education. FEE-HELP is subject to annual government indexation. For more information visit http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/StudyAssist

Please note you may also be required to purchase additional course and material fees related to your program. For more information about the costs associated with the program, please see the fee information at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad023.

How To Apply

Semester 1 – All applicants must apply via VTAC.
Semester 2 – All applicants must apply direct to RMIT.

For more information about how to apply, please see the How to Apply information at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad023.
Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation) – Pilot Stream

RMIT Code: BP070
2016 Clearly in ATAR: 75.65
3 years full-time, Point Cook and City campus
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp070

This program will prepare you for employment in a range of operational, management, and planning roles in the dynamic and vibrant aviation industry. Also offered is a career development option for people who already hold a Commercial Pilot’s Licence. Commercial pilots can receive up to one year of advanced standing credit.

What You Will Study

The program contains two specialised streams—aviation operations and management, and piloting. For information about the aviation operations and management stream, please see the RMIT website.

In the pilot stream, you will gain the depth of knowledge and skills required to become a commercial pilot, while gaining the extensive knowledge about the aviation industry. Flight training can be taken at our Flight Training School located at Point Cook. Students should note their specific enrolment requirements for full-time study, which may limit them to selecting RMIT Flight Training for timetable reasons.

Areas of study include:

— Technical studies: You will develop an understanding of aircraft and aviation systems.
— Industry systems and processes: You will develop knowledge and skills in planning and management.
— Planning and management relevant to the aviation industry: These take account of risk, safety, human factors, the industry environment and other key themes.

Industry Connections

This program has connections to a range of aviation industry organisations. In all years of the program, industry-based professionals deliver lectures that are designed to enhance your understanding of the aviation industry. Many final year projects are supported by aviation industry professionals.

Career

Graduates may choose to embark on professional careers in areas such as airline management, airline operations, airport management, airport operations, airport planning, aviation charter, aviation consulting, aviation regulation and safety, and commercial piloting.

Entry Requirements

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Fees

Please note: This program offers Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). In a CSP, your tuition fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your share of the fee (student contribution) is set by the government. You may be eligible to apply for a HECS-HELP loan, which allows you to defer payment of up to 100% of your student contribution. These fees are indicative of the pilot stream only.

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Facilities and Environment

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The 4500 feet of airspace over the airfield allows unrestricted training manoeuvres. As the only operator at Point Cook, this minimises circuit congestion and delays, and enables more take-offs and landings per hour than many other airfields, improving training efficiency.

The Point Cook Airfield training environment is ideally situated with access to all types of airspace nearby and variable weather conditions created by mountains, sea and city environments. This enables trainees to develop the confidence and capability to handle command under a variety of operational conditions.

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Cessna 172S

A single engine plane with a glass cockpit and a maximum cruise speed of 124ktas.

Cessna 182T

A single engine plane with a glass cockpit and a maximum cruise speed of 145ktas.

8KCAB Super Decathlon

A single engine plane designed for aerobatics training.

PA-44 180 Piper Seminole

The Decathlon has a maximum cruise speed of 129ktas and is equipped with an Electronic Flight Instrumentation System.
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