Extended use of CASA Basics exams and Schedule of Experience (SOE) to qualify for a Part 66 aircraft engineer licence - (CD 2008MS)

# Overview

# The current COVID-19 travel and social distancing restrictions have affected the practical aspects of training and a candidate’s ability to sit exams. As a result, we recently [announced](https://www.casa.gov.au/news-article/casa-assistance-organisations-involved-continuing-airworthiness-aircraft-during-covid-19) a range of measures, including an extension for use of CASA Basics and schedule of experience (SOE), to help industry during the current changing and unprecedented COVID-19 environment.

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The Part 66 transitional arrangements put in place under regulation 202.345 of CASR and specific provisions under the Part 66 Manual of Standards, will be amended to extend use of the CASA Basics/SOE for an additional 12 months to 30 June 2021. Post this extension period, the CASA Basics/SOE will be replaced by a new Part 66 self-study pathway currently under development by CASA. CASA will also improve the cessation arrangements by including additional transitional provisions. These provisions will allow CASA to continue to assess licence applications made on or before the new 30 June 2021 cessation date. We are currently progressing the required regulatory changes through government.

These changes are encapsulated in the following drafts:

* Draft amendment regulation - *Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulation 2020*
* Draft *Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No.1)*, which amends specific provisions in the MOS that give effect to regulation 202.345, which are consequential to the amendments that extend use of CASA Basics exams under regulation 202.345.

**Policy objective**

The objective and intent of the amendments are to:

* ensure the CASA Basics exams and SOE will continue to be available until 30 June 2021
* continue to provide a training pathway to obtain a Part 66 licence that covers a small aircraft or to remove exclusions from an existing licence or rating.

The regulatory changes will also enable CASA to continue to assess licence applications made on or before the 30 June 2021 cessation date.

**Audience**

The amendments will be of interest to:

* Aircraft maintenance engineers
* CAR30 maintenance organisations
* Part 145 approved maintenance organisations
* Part 147 maintenance training organisations.

A copy of the draft instruments is available below. They are also included as fact banks in the relevant area of this consultation to assist further comment.

# Why we are consulting

CASA recognises the valuable contribution that community and industry consultation makes to the regulatory development process. We will consider all comments received on the Draft amendments**.** Comments should be submitted through the online response form by close of business **13 May 2020.**

All documents related to this consultation are attached in the ‘related’ section at the bottom of the page. They are:

* Summary of proposed change on CD  2008MS, which provides background on the reasons for CASA’s extension for use of CASA Basics for Part 66 licensing
* Draft *Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulation 2020*
* Draft *Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No.1*)
* MS Word copy of this consultation for ease of distribution and feedback within your organisation.

Please read the consultation documents before providing your feedback in the online survey.

Note: CASA can no longer offer the option to upload files because of the potential risk of malware.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the [CASA website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/changing-rules/consultation-and-project-history/consultation-industry-and-public).

To be notified of any future consultations, you can subscribe to our [consultation and rulemaking mailing list](https://mailinglist.casa.gov.au/lists/?p=subscribe&id=3).

 **Using an iPad**

If you are using an iPad to complete the survey you will be asked to 'download the relevant PDF'. Depending on the software you have on your iPad you may need to download the free viewer to review the single document PDF files. Where a file is a 'multi-file or portfolio PDF you will need to source the Adobe free view - available from iTunes.

# What happens next

At the end of the response period for public comment, we will review each response received through the online response form. We will make all submissions publicly available on the CASA website unless a respondent requests that their submission remain confidential. Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the [CASA website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landing-page/consultation-process).

When the responses to the consultation, for which consent to publish has been granted, are published, we will also publish a summary of consultation (SOC). The SOC will summarise feedback received, describe any intended changes and detail our plans for the amendment instruments.

You can subscribe to our [consultation and rulemaking mailing list](https://mailinglist.casa.gov.au/?p=subscribe&id=3) to be notified of future consultation or rule making.

Give Us Your Views

[Online Survey](https://consultation.casa.gov.au/regulatory-program/pp1816us/consultation/)

**Related**

List of documents to attach to the consultation

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## **Audiences & Interest groups**

## Audiences

* CASA Staff
* Airworthiness organisations
* Engineers
* School/Education/Aviation Theory Provider
* Part 147 of CASR Maintenance training organisations
* Part 145 of CASR approved maintenance organisations (AMO)
* Regulation 30 of CAR maintenance organisations (CAR 30)
* Licensed aircraft maintenance engineers (LAME)
* Aircraft maintenance engineers (AME)

## Interests

* Airworthiness/maintenance
* Airworthiness/maintenance (CAR 30 and CASR Part 145 maintenance orgs)

Page: Consultation Contents

This consultation is seeking feedback on legislative amendments that will extend use of CASA Basics exams and Schedule of Experience (SOE). This extension will ensure continued consideration of Part 66 licence applications made on or before the 30 June 2021 cessation date.

Feedback on the draft amendment instruments can be provided in the comment’s boxes available in the pages applicable to each proposed amendment below.

Providing feedback on both amendments is not mandatory. You can provide as little or as much feedback as you wish. When you have finished providing your comments on the draft amendment instruments select the ‘Finish’ button at the bottom right of this page.

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Page 1: Personal information

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If you enter your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

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*Please select only one item*

[ ]  Yes, I am authorised to submit feedback on behalf of an organisation

[ ]  No, these are my personal views.

## If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.

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Demographic question where applicable

Which of the following best describes the group you represent?

*Please select only one item*

[ ]  Aircraft Maintenance engineer

[ ]  CAR 30 approval holder

[ ]  Part 145 Approved Maintenance organisation

[ ]  Part 147 Maintenance Training Organisation

[ ]  Other

Please specify “Other” if selected.

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Page 2: Consent to publish submission

In order to provide transparency and promote debate, we intend to publish all responses to this consultation. This may include both detailed responses/submissions in full and aggregated data drawn from the responses received.

Where you consent to publication, we will include:

* **your last name**, if the submission is made by you as an individual
* **the name of the organisation** on whose behalf the submission has been made
* **your responses** and comments

We **will not** include any other personal or demographic information in a published response.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the **CASA website** [*<https://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landing-*](http://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landing-) *page/consultation-process>* .

## Do you give permission for your response to be published?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

[ ]  Yes - I give permission for my response/submission to be published.

[ ]  No - I would like my response/submission to remain confidential but understand that de-identified aggregate data may be published.

[ ]  I am a CASA officer.

Page 3: Exposure draft - Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulations 2020

CASA will extend the repeal date of regulation 202.345 from 3 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 to enable persons using the CASA Basics/SOE pathway, a further 12-month extension to qualify for a Part 66 licence.

In addition, CASA will improve the cessation arrangements by including provisions under regulation 202.345, to allow CASA to continue to assess applications for a licence made on or before the new 30 June 2021 cessation date, after that date.

**Fact Bank: -** Exposure draft - Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulations 2020

Please provide any comments you may have on the Exposure draft - Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulations 2020 in the comments box below.

Comments

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Page 4: Consultation draft - Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1)

Consequential to the decision to extend use of the CASA Basics/SOE for an additional 12 months to 30 June 2021, CASA will amend specific provisions in the Part 66 Manual of Standards (MOS) that give effect to CASR 202.345, to align with the new date in the regulation.

**Fact Bank:** Consultation draft - Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1)

Please provide any comments you may have on draft Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) in the comments box below.

Comments

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