# Recognition of foreign aircraft maintenance engineer licences from recognised States - (CD 2508MS)

Overview

We want your feedback on a framework that will assist our recognition of a foreign State’s licensing system.

Under the proposal, once a foreign State is assessed and formally recognised, a licence holder from that country can apply to have their licence recognised by CASA for the grant of an equivalent Australian [Part 66 aircraft maintenance engineer licence](https://www.casa.gov.au/index.php/licences-and-certificates/maintenance-engineers/aircraft-maintenance-engineer-licence-part-66).

This initiative - consistent with the initiatives outlined in the 2024 Aviation White Paper - is designed to help address the shortage of licensed aircraft maintenance engineers (LAMEs) by streamlining the issue of an Australia licence to LAMEs that are internationally qualified.

We are seeking feedback on:

* the framework we are developing to assess a foreign State for recognition for Part 66 of CASR
* corresponding amendments to the Part 66 Manual of Standards (MOS).

At commencement, the Part 66 MOS is proposed to specify Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America as recognised States.

**Framework for assessing a foreign State**

We have developed a framework that we will use to assess a foreign State to provide a basis for recognition of the State for Part 66 of CASR.

It is intended to ensure that Australia’s safety standard for maintenance personnel licensing is maintained while increasing the availability of Part 66 licenced aircraft maintenance engineers for Australian employers.

Using the framework, we will assess a foreign State and if successful, the State will be specified as a recognised State in the Part 66 MOS. This will allow us to grant a Part 66 aircraft maintenance engineer licence in recognition of a foreign licence issued by a recognised State more quickly and efficiently than the current arrangements. Licence holders from other, non-recognised States will still be able to obtain Australian licences via the current Part 147 maintenance training organisation assessment arrangements.

Applicants from recognised States would still be required to meet other minimum requirements including English language proficiency, recency of experience, and knowledge of Australian aviation legislation.

**Amendments to the Part 66 MOS - initial recognised States**

We have used the proposed framework in the assessment of Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

Additional countries are proposed to be assessed in a phased approach as we evaluate them against the framework and progressively add them into the Part 66 MOS.

We propose to update the Part 66 MOS to include:

* an initial tranche of States – Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America – that have been assessed by us for recognition for Part 66
* information about knowledge test requirements for applicants for a Part 66 licence.

Recognition of these 3 foreign States will allow individuals that hold an aircraft maintenance engineer licence - that is in force and was issued by the National Aviation Authority of one of the States - to apply to CASA for a Part 66 aircraft maintenance engineer licence based on recognition of the foreign licence.

**Other initiatives**

This initiative complements other strategies we have rolled out to attract and retain qualified aircraft maintenance personnel in Australia. New approaches include [modular licensing](https://www.casa.gov.au/licences-and-certificates/maintenance-engineers/modular-licensing-aircraft-maintenance-engineers) and the [reduction in resit timeframes](https://www.casa.gov.au/about-us/news-media-releases-and-speeches/new-stand-down-periods-lame-exams-now-effect) for failed maintenance engineer exams.

We are also working with approved maintenance organisations (AMO) to provide an interim arrangement which will enable the AMO to authorise foreign licence holders to certify maintenance in Australia while the licence holder seeks an Australian Part 66 licence.

# Why your views matter

Your feedback will help us make sure the proposed framework to assess a foreign State for recognition and proposed Part 66 MOS amendments are suitable, clear and will work as intended.

Please submit your comments using the survey link on this page.

If you are unable to provide feedback via the survey link, please email [regulatoryconsultation@casa.gov.au](mailto:regulatoryconsultation@casa.gov.au?subject=Consultation%20on%20Recognition%20of%20foreign%20aircraft%20maintenance%20engineer%20licences%20-%20(CD%202508MS)) for advice.

## **Documents for review**

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

* Summary of proposed change on CD 2508MS, which provides the framework for assessing a foreign State and proposed Part 66 Manual of Standards amendments
* Consultation draft – Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2025 (No.1)
* Foreign AME Recognition Framework – Final Report
* MS Word copy of online consultation for ease of distribution and feedback within your organisation.

# **What happens next**

At the end of the response period, we will:

* review all comments received
* make responses publicly available on the consultation hub (unless you request your submission remain confidential)
* publish a Summary of Consultation which summarises the feedback received and outlines any intended changes and next steps.

All comments received on the proposed legislation will be considered. Relevant feedback that improves upon the proposed instrument will be incorporated into the final instrument.

# Give Us Your Views

[Appears on the overview page at the bottom]

Online Survey

[This link is on the front page of the survey and takes you to the survey questions]

**Related**

[This section is at the bottom of the front page and contains all the links to other sites and documents related to this consultation]

**Related Consultations**

[Proposed amendments to Part 66 MOS – Modular licensing and new aircraft type ratings - (CD 2408MS)](https://consultation.casa.gov.au/regulatory-program/cd-2408ms/)

[Proposed modular licensing framework for aircraft maintenance engineers - (CD 2309MS)](https://consultation.casa.gov.au/regulatory-program/cd-2309ms/)

[Discussion paper on Part 66 modular licensing framework for aircraft maintenance engineers (DP 2218MS)](https://consultation.casa.gov.au/regulatory-program/dp-2218ms/)

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# Audience & Interest groups

**Audience**

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| * Part 147 of CASR Maintenance Training Organisations (MTO) |
| * 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) |
| * CASA staff |

**Interest**

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| * Airworthiness / maintenance |
| * Licensing |
| * Airworthiness/maintenance (CAR 30 and CASR Part 145 maintenance orgs) |
| * Aircraft engineer licensing |
| * Maintenance training |
| * Continuing airworthiness / maintenance |
| * Maintenance personnel training (CASR Part 147 Maintenance Training Organisations) |

# Page 1. About this consultation

This consultation asks for your feedback on:

* the framework we are developing to be used by CASA for assessing a foreign State for recognition for Part 66 of CASR
* corresponding amendments to the Part 66 Manual of Standards (MOS) that will specify Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America as recognised States.

We will ask you for:

* **personal information**, such as your name, any organisation you represent, and your email address
* **your consent** to publish your submission
* **your responses** to the proposed changes in the regulations
* **demographic information** to help us understand your interest in the regulations
* **any comments** you may want to provide

Our [website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules/changing-rules/consultation-industry-and-public) contains more information on making a submission and what we do with your feedback.

# Page 2. Personal information

## First name

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## Email address

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

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## Do your views officially represent those of an organisation?

## *(Required)*

*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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Which of the following best describes the group you represent?

*Please select only one item*

Maintenance engineer

CAR 30 approval holder

Approved maintenance organisation

Approved maintenance training organisation

industry representative organisation/association

Other

Please specify ‘Other’ if selected.

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# Page 3. Consent to publish submission

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 or
* **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

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.

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

# Page 4. Framework to assess a foreign State for recognition for Part 66 of CASR

The framework sets out how we will assess a foreign State for recognition for Part 66.

1. Please provide feedback on the framework CASA will use to assess a foreign State for recognition – as shown in Appendix A of the Summary of proposed changes. Recognition of the State will allow applicants holding a foreign licence from a recognised State, to be granted a Part 66 aircraft maintenance engineer licence in Australia.

Comment

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# Page 5. Amendment of the Part 66 Manual of Standards to specify Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America as recognised States

1. Please provide any feedback on the proposed amendment to the Part 66 Manual of Standards as shown in the consultation draft.

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1. What other countries would you like to see us prioritise next and why?

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# Page 6. General comments

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed framework or the proposed amendment to the Part 66 MOS? Please include any **impact** this change may have on you or your operation. Please do not include points you have already raised.

Comments

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