# Flight crew licensing scheme- Draft Advisory Circular (AC) - 61-01 v1.0

# Overview

We want your feedback on a new draft advisory circular (AC) that provides guidance on the structure and application of the flight crew licensing system.

The rules for flight crew licensing are contained in Part 61 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR).*

The draft advisory circular covers all aspects of Part 61 flight crew licensing and training, including the rationale for licences, ratings, and endorsements (Part 61 authorisations).

It is aimed at everyone involved in flight crew licensing – including pilots, flight schools and CASA personnel.

We are seeking feedback on whether draft AC 61-01:

* is easy to navigate
* helps you understand the safety framework of the flight crew licensing system and where to find information
* clearly explains how Part 61 is structured
* provides the intent of the Subparts to the rules and requirements to achieve and maintain an authorisation where references are interdependent and are across multiple regulations
* clearly outlines the privileges allowed by the holder of the licence, rating or endorsement, and any conditions or limitations on the exercise of those privileges
* provides sufficient information to assist with everyday questions that arise in relation to Part 61.

The draft AC provides advice on:

* the philosophy behind Part 61 and why there is a need for a licensing system
* how Part 61 sets the safety framework for the grant of licences, ratings and endorsements
* the rules governing authorisation privileges
* the importance of training, how it is managed, and how competency is assessed.

# Why your views matter

Your feedback will help us make sure the proposed guidance is suitable, clear and will work as intended.

Please submit your comments on Draft AC using the survey link on this page. If you are unable to provide feedback this way, please contact us for advice through [regulatoryconsultation@casa.gov.au](mailto:regulatoryconsultation@casa.gov.au?subject=Consultation%20on%20Draft%20AC%2061-01%20v1.0%20-%20Flight%20Crew%20licensing%20scheme).

**Documents for review**

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

* Draft AC 61-01 v1.0 – Flight crew licensing scheme
* MS Word copy of online consultation for ease of distribution and feedback within your organisation.

Please read the AC document before providing your feedback.

**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.

Feedback that improves the guidance will be incorporated into the final advisory circular.

**Related news - development of a plain English guide**

As part of our commitment to help you understand the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations, we are also developing 2 plain English guides for the flight crew licensing rules - one for aeroplane pilots and the other for helicopter pilots.

These guides will help pilots understand the privileges, limitations and recency requirements of licences, ratings and endorsements, with easy-to-read tables of minimum requirements.

We plan to have these guides published later this year. In the meantime, see the other guides we have published on our [website](https://www.casa.gov.au/search-centre/plain-english-guides) to get an idea.

# Give Us Your Views

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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 Documents**

List of documents to attach to the consultation

* Draft AC 61-01 v1.0 - Flight crew licensing scheme
* MS Word copy of online consultation on Draft AC 61-01 v1.0 – Flight crew licensing scheme

# Audience & Interest groups

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| * Air operator |
| * Flight instructors and flight examiners |
| * Flight training operators |
| * Pilots |
| * Traveling public/passengers |
| * School/Education/Aviation Theory Provider |
| * Part 142 of CASR operator |
| * Part 141 of CASR operator |
| * Flight training organisations |
| * Flight training operators - helicopters |
| * Instructors and flight examiners |
| * Part 61 of CASR Pilots |

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| * Licensing |
| * Flight training |

# Page 1. About this consultation

This consultation asks for your feedback on the draft advisory circular (AC) - Flight crew licensing scheme - AC 61-01 v1.0.

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 guidance
* **demographic information** to help us understand your interest in the guidance
* **any comments** you may want to provide

Our [website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules/changing-rules/consultation-industry-and-public) <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

*(Required)*

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## Last name

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## Email

*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*

Air operator

Part 61 Pilot

Flight Instructors and Flight Examiners

Part 141 Operator

Part 142 Operator

Training Organisation representative

Educational Institution

CASA Staff

Travelling Public

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
* **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)< https://www.casa.gov.au/rules/changing-rules/consultation-industry-and-public>.

# Page 4. Draft AC 61-01 – Flight crew licensing scheme - feedback

The purpose of this AC is to:

* offer a single document that provides guidance on the structure and application of the flight crew licensing system delivered by Part 61
* provide a document for all types of users such as pilots, flight schools and CASA personnel
* provide sufficient context and connections between various regulations and external documents such as advisory circulars to assist in resolving questions when they arise.

**Fact Bank:** Draft AC 61-01 v1.0 PDF

**Question 1.** Does the AC help you understand the safety framework of the flight crew licensing system?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why below)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 2.** Does the AC clearly explain how Part 61 is structured?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why below)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 3.** Does the AC provide the intent of the Subparts to the rules and the requirements to achieve and maintain an authorisation, where references are interdependent and are across multiple regulations?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why below)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 4.** Do you think the AC sufficiently outlines the privileges allowed by the holder of the licence, rating or endorsement, and any conditions or limitations on the exercise of those privileges?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why below)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 5.** Do you think the AC provides sufficient information to assist with everyday questions that arise in relation to Part 61?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why below)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 6.** Is it easy to navigate and find information in the AC?

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Yes

Yes, but with changes (please specify)

No (please specify why)

Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Additional comments**

In addition to your responses above, do you have any further comments about your overall impressions on draft AC 61-01 v1.0. Please provide in the comments box below.

Comments

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