# Pilot supervision - Draft Advisory Circular 61-20 v1.0

## Overview

The draft AC 61-20 v1.0 is the first advisory circular (AC) on pilot supervision for operators that do not have a check and training system. However, all operators could adopt the supervision methodology for their operational safety-critical personnel.

We are seeking feedback on:

* the concept – should pilots who are flying for an operator without a training system have a period of supervision after joining an organisation or obtaining new qualifications
* the content and readability – are the messages understood and explained in enough detail
* the example – is it realistic
* whether you think the operators to whom the AC applies will adopt pilot supervision as part of their training process?

The AC provides guidance to operators for delivering a structured supervision program to pilots operating in a new environment or after completing the regulatory requirements for a new qualification. The intent of the supervision process is to ensure pilots can continue to gain effective knowledge and operational experience, during and post, induction or when operating in a new environment. This does not replace the supervision required by the regulations to complete a qualification.

This AC recommends a formal supervision process where operators do not have a training and checking system for pilots who have recently:

* commenced with a new operator and require knowledge of company procedures and the local environment

or

* completed the requirements for a new qualification (aircraft class or type, new or upgrade of aerial work operation) and require support operating the new equipment in the local environment

or

* increased in instructor grade in a Part 141 training organisation

or

* completed a new training endorsement in a Part 141 training organisation.

## **Why your views matter**

CASA recognises the valuable contribution that community and industry consultation makes to the regulatory development process.

A copy of the draft AC is provided in the related section below as well as appearing on the designated page of the survey. There is also an MS Word copy of online consultation for ease of distribution and feedback within your organisation.

Please submit your comments on Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 through the Consultation Hub using the survey provided. If you are unable to provide feedback this way, please contact us for advice through regulatoryconsultation@casa.gov.au

**What happens next**

At the end of the response period for public comment, we will review each comment and submission received. We will make all submissions publicly available on our website, unless you request your submission remain confidential. We will also publish a Summary of Consultation which summarises the feedback received, outlines any intended changes and details our plans for the AC.

**Important information**

Please note, the draft Advisory Circular (AC) attached to this consultation is a revision of the initial draft AC published when this consultation went live on 25 August 2022. Please discard any previously downloaded copies of the draft AC.

# **Give Us Your Views**

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

**Related Documents**

List of documents to attach to the consultation

* Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 - Pilot supervision [PDF 656.16KB]
* MS Word copy of online consultation – Pilot supervision - Draft Advisory Circular - AC 61-20 v1.0 - [MS Word DOCX 40.1KB]

# **Audience & Interest groups**

**Audience**

* CASA staff
* Air operators
* Instructors and flight examiners
* Flight training organisations
* Pilots
* Aerial work operator
* Part 142 operators
* Part 141 operators
* Floatplane operators
* Air transport operations – rotorcraft (Part 133)
* Aerial work operator (Part 138)
* Training organisation representative

**Interest**

* Operational standards
* Flight training
* Training and checking systems
* In-house training for CASA FOIs
* Safety promotion

# Page 1. About this consultation

This consultation asks for your feedback on the Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 –Pilots supervision.

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

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 certificate holder (parts 133 and 135)

[ ]  Aerial work certificate holders (part 138)

[ ]  Certificate of approval holders (part 141)

[ ]  Head of Operations

[ ]  Training managers

[ ]  Chief pilots

[ ]  Training captains / supervisors

[ ]  Pilot obtaining new qualifications

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

# Page 4. Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 Pilots supervision - feedback

The aim of the AC is to explain what pilot supervision is and to provide guidance to ensure pilots can gain local and relevant operational experience during induction or post type/specialist training.

Note: The recommendations in this AC are in addition to the supervision requirements for Part 61 qualifications. Operators that are required to have a training and checking system should include supervision as part of their training process. The requirements for line operations training are outlined in in [Multi-Part AC 119-11 and AC 138-02 - Training and checking systems](https://www.casa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/multi-part-advisory-circular-119-11-ac-138-02-training-checking-systems.pdf) (paragraph 8.3).

**Fact Bank:** Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 PDF

**Question 1.** Should pilots who are flying for an operator without a training system have a period of supervision after joining the organisation or obtaining new qualifications?

*Radio buttons*

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  Yes, but with changes (please specify)

[ ]  No (please specify why)

[x]  Not my area of expertise/not applicable

Comments

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**Question 2.** Is the information provided in the AC understood and explained in enough detail?

*Radio buttons*

[ ]  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.** Is the example provided in the draft AC realistic and provide a clear outline of how pilot supervision would function?

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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.** If you are an operator, would you introduce the type of supervision recommended in the Draft AC into your training processes?

*Radio buttons*

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Agree, but with changes (please specify)

[ ]  Disagree (please specify why below)

[ ]  Not applicable

Comments

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**Question 5**. If you are a pilot, would you like to have the type of supervision recommended in the AC available in your organisation?

*Radio buttons*

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Agree, but with changes (please specify)

[ ]  Disagree (please specify why)

[ ]  Not applicable

Comments

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**General comments**

Please provide any further comments you may have on Draft AC 61-20 v1.0 in the comments box below.

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