

Flight Training Practice in Australia and in the United Kingdom

The Hong Kong Flight Training Centre (HKFTC) is organizing flight training practice in Australia and the United Kingdom several times a year. The training programmes are run in collaboration with the Adelaide Flight Training Centre (AFTC) and the Redcliffe Aero Club (RAC) in Australia, and the Booker Aviation (Airways Flying Club) in the United Kingdom. The flight training practices are designed for students who have completed the theory and simulation parts of the relevant module jointly provided by HKFTC and HKU SPACE in Hong Kong.

All flight training practice trips are purposely arranged with locations of training and times of the year carefully chosen. Each of our flight training practice trips are organized in small groups with around 15 students. We aim at providing maximum benefits to our students and help them to get the most out of the training during their stay overseas. As we are providing a one-stop service, HKFTC will take care of everything once you are in Australia or in the U.K. This includes airport pickup, all local transportation, accommodation and catering, most important your flight training bookings, learning progress, training materials, etc.



Adelaide Flight Training Centre (AFTC)

Situated in Adelaide, the capital city of the South Australia State, Adelaide Flight Training Centre (AFTC) and its parent flight training school Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) are the cradles of many professional pilots in Australia as well as in Hong Kong. It is also the school where the cadet pilots of Cathay Pacific, Dragon Air and the Government Flying Service are trained. Students who choose to be trained at AFTC will be receiving the same standard of training as the airline cadets. Our students are also allowed to get access to the resources centre and other facilities within the campus. On-site accommodation and catering service will be arranged for students to experience the life as a cadet pilot. All aircraft used for the training are well maintained directly under the in-house maintenance department of the flying school. AFTC operates a fleet of Grob G115 and Socata TB10 Tobago and Beech BE76 Duchess aircraft.



■ Flying Instructors

All flying instructors at AFTC have gained flight instructor qualifications issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) of the Australian Government. They are well-trained, highly skillful and enthusiastic about flying training.



■ Aircraft Type

Training will be conducted on Grob G115 or Socata TB10 Tobago single engine, propeller driven low-wing light aircraft. Both Grob and Tobago are the type of aircraft that may be used by the airline cadets for conducting flight grading. The Grob is normally used for initial training up to the GFPT level while the Tobago used for navigation flying training towards the PPL.





■ **Accommodation** and Catering

On-site accommodation and catering service will be arranged for students to experience the life as a cadet pilot. Students will be staying at 5-bedroom apartments with shared bathroom facilities and a sitting room. Free laundry service and wireless Internet access are available to students. There is also a basketball court, a tennis court and a swimming pool available within the campus. All meals with drinks and fruits, served in a buffet style, are provided at the mess of the training centre daily.



■ **Recreational** Activities

If all flight training practices can be completed on schedule, arrangements will be made for students to visit Parafield air traffic control tower and FTA's maintenance workshop. Arrangement may also be made to visit local attractions such as winery, wildlife park, and villages near Adelaide during the weekends.



Redcliffe Aero Club (RAC)

RAC is located at Redcliffe airfield and Redcliffe is one of the suburbs about 30 km north-east of Brisbane in the State of Queensland. “Sunshine State” is the nickname for Queensland and it is famous for its beautiful weather especially in the winter time. You will see a clear blue sky, which is important for flying training, nearly everyday you wake up in the morning! Established in 1970, RAC is an exceptionally well organized flying club and has a high standard team of flight instructors and aircraft fleet. Over the years, RAC has a proud record of achievement with many students successfully participated in the field of aviation as pilots. Redcliffe airfield is a CTAF airfield which can provide a more efficient operation in terms of air traffic restriction and radio procedures. The training area associate with Redcliffe is only a few minutes flying north of the airfield along the beautiful Moreton Bay region. Students may enjoy the scenic routes of the Sunshine Coast when they are having their flying training.



■ **Flying** Instructors

All flying instructors at RAC have gained flight instructor qualifications issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) of the Australian Government. All of them are full-time, well trained and experienced professionals with enthusiastic about flying training.

■ **Aircraft** Type

RAC operates a fleet of new and modern training aircraft. Our training will be conducted on US made Cessna C172SP models single engine, propeller driven light aircraft with both traditional cockpit and Garmin G1000 glass cockpit.

■ **Accommodation** and Catering

Students will be staying at large service apartments in a beautiful seaside hotel located on the eastern point of the Redcliffe peninsula. Each of the 2-bedroom apartments can accommodate 4 students with 2 bathrooms, a sitting room, an open pantry and laundry facilities. Self catering breakfast items will be provided at the service apartment while dinner will be provided by local restaurants.

■ **Recreational** Activities

If all flight training practices can be completed on schedule, arrangements will be made for students to visit local attractions such as South Bank, Movie World, Glass House Mountains National Park or Australian Zoo near Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast areas during the weekends. As well as enjoying the flight training in the sky, you may also enjoy the time feeding the pelicans or PYO at strawberry fields!





Booker Aviation (Airways Flying Club)

If you wish to learn to fly under a casual and friendly club atmosphere, Booker Aviation (former Airways Flying Club) is the choice. Booker Aviation is located at Wycombe Air Park near High Wycombe, which is one of the suburbs of Buckinghamshire in southern England. Established in 1948, being one of the oldest flying schools in the U.K., Booker Aviation has been teaching people to fly for more than 60 years. All flying instructors at Booker Aviation have gained flight instructor qualifications issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the British Government and are very experienced in flight training. Some of them are retired British Airways pilots with extensive flying experience in jet aircraft. Training will be conducted in Cessna C152, C172 or Piper PA28 Warrior single engine, propeller driven light aircraft and these aircraft are the most popular training aircraft used worldwide today.



■ **Accommodation** and Catering

Students will be staying at the traditional English bed and breakfast (B&B) or local hotel with shared bathroom. Continental breakfast will be provided in the morning while simple lunch in the afternoon. We shall visit a variety of decent local restaurants of English, Italian and Chinese styles for dinner in the evening.



■ **Recreational Activities**

If the flight training practice can be completed on schedule, arrangements will be made for students to visit the air traffic control tower and aircraft maintenance workshop at the Wycombe Air Park. Arrangement may also be made to visit local attractions such as the Royal Air Force Museum, Oxford Township, Bicester Village Outlet and Henley-on-Thames.



Programme Leaders

Programme leaders from HKFTC will be staying with the students throughout the entire training period to monitor their training progress and to attend to their daily needs. All programme leaders joining the flight training trips are licensed pilots and most of them are current airline pilots with major airlines. Should there be any difficulties or hurdles encountered during your flight training, we always have professional people to provide advice and assistance.

Insurance Matter

All students joining the flight training trips are covered by medical and travel insurance during their training period in Australia and the U.K. They are also covered by third party insurance during their flight training at Adelaide Flight Training Centre, Redcliffe Aero Club and Booker Aviation.

Refund Policy

The successful completion of the required flight training is subjected to several key factors and weather conditions being the most critical one. HKFTC and our partners overseas reserve the right to cancel flying lessons due to adverse weather conditions or any other reasons based on professional judgement. Students will receive partial refund for the uncompleted flying lessons after deducting a small amount of administration fee.



Summary of Flying Training in Australia and the United Kingdom

| | AUSTRALIA Base Adelaide Flight Training Centre | AUSTRALIA Base Redcliffe Aero Club | U.K. Base Booker Aviation |
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| Airfield | Parafield (YPPF) in Adelaide Class D Airspace | Redcliffe (YRED) in Brisbane CTAF Airspace | Wycombe Air Park (EGTB) in High Wycombe, Tower & RFFS |
| Runway | 03/21 L&R 08/26 L&R 2 pairs of parallel runway | 07/25 Asphalt runway | 06/24, 35 Asphalt & glass runway for 06/24 |
| Traffic | Fixed-wing, Helicopter, Private Jet | Fixed-wing, Helicopter | Fixed-wing, Helicopter, Glider |
| Weather | Very good in autumn (Mar) A bit hot in early summer (Nov) Cold & rainy in winter | Excellent in winter (Jun-Jul) | Typical British weather – unpredictable! |
| Aircraft | Grob G115, Socata TB10 Tobago | Cessna C172SP | Piper PA28 Warrior, Cessna C172 |
| 1st Solo Flight Requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate flying training • Student Pilot Licence (SPL) • ASIC or AVID • Class II medical certificate • In-house written & oral test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate flying training • Student Pilot Licence (SPL) • Class II medical certificate • In-house written & oral test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate flying training • Class II medical certificate • Air Law theory test |
| PPL Exam | One integrated exam paper + R/T + oral | | 6 exam papers + R/T + oral |