



CHAPTER 12

FLIGHT EXAMINER RATING AND ASSOCIATED ENDORSEMENTS



12.1 Overview

This chapter details the specific requirements for obtaining a flight examiner rating, associated endorsements and relevant proficiency checks. It also details the privileges and limitations of the flight examiner rating and how you may apply for the rating.

As a flight examiner you have two roles:

- › to evaluate the knowledge and skill of candidates to determine whether they meet the required standard for the grant of a licence, rating, or endorsement
- › to quality-check training, offering feedback to applicants and operators, thus fostering improved safety and standards in the training community.



Under previous legislation, if you conducted flight tests you were a delegate of CASA (you were conducting the testing activity on behalf of the authority). The flight examiner rating under Part 61 is no longer a delegate of CASA as you are approved to conduct tests in your own right. CASA is able to monitor flight test outcomes via the flight test management system and where there are obvious signs of deficiencies, these can be followed up and managed.

As a flight examiner, you are expected to maintain a high degree of proficiency in your own flying skills and evaluation techniques and to demonstrate aviation safety at all times. You must ensure you are up to date with the applicable

flight test procedures and the performance criteria imbedded in each item, and be up to date on regulatory, procedural and policy changes.

A flight examiner rating requires you to monitor, and positively influence the piloting skills, experience, knowledge, behaviours and attitudes of pilots.

CASA requires you to:

- › maintain an exemplary standard of professionalism, integrity and ethics
- › exercise the privileges of the rating, complying with all applicable legislation, conditions and directions, always being mindful of relevant guidance material
- › assess an applicant's skills, knowledge, behaviours and attitudes to ensure a competent and safe pilot is produced
- › engender the attainment of continuously improving safety and standards in applicants and training providers
- › complete all relevant administrative procedures within timeframes required by legislation and CASA policy
- › report the outcomes of flight examiner activities in a timely manner to assist CASA in monitoring the safety health of the pilot community.

Further requirements are described within each flight test and proficiency check chapter of the flight examiner handbook (FEH). These requirements are mandatory.



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12.2 Flight examiner rating course

The CASA Flight Examiner Rating Course (FERC) is a competency-based training course.

The course is designed to meet the requirements set out in the MOS. It enables applicants for a flight examiner rating and endorsement, or regulation 61.040 approval, to gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to exercise the privileges of the rating and flight test endorsement(s).

The FERC provides training and assessment for the following flight examiner endorsements:

- › PPL flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › CPL flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › ATPL flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › multi-engine class rating flight test endorsement
- › type rating flight test endorsement (type specific)
- › instrument rating flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › night visual flight rules (VFR) rating flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › low-level rating flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › aerial application rating flight test endorsement (category specific)
- › flight instructor rating flight test endorsement (category specific).

You may enrol in the FERC if you are:

- › a new applicant wishing to achieve a CASR Part 61 flight examiner rating for the first time.
- › a flight examiner wanting an additional endorsement.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to access the FERC via the AviationWorx online learning system.

The course contains 5 phases that must be passed:

1. eLearning modules

- › legal and general administration
- › understanding assessment
- › assessing human factors and non-technical skills
- › core principles: plan
- › core principles: conduct
- › core principles: complete

2. a workshop (workshop timetables are available on the CASA website)

3. practical training

4. an interview by CASA

5. a flight test that will be one of the following:

- › the observation of a real flight test
- › the observation of a proficiency check
- › a simulated flight test.

Training courses are conducted by CASA, a schedule of flight examiner courses is available on the CASA website. Some operators are now approved to conduct their own FERC providing another option for applicants.



Further information regarding the FERC can be found in the Flight Examiner Handbook that is available on the CASA website.

12.3 Applying for a flight examiner rating and associated endorsements

As an applicant for a flight examiner rating you must undergo training that includes the basic principles of assessment and relevant training for the flight tests the flight examiner wishes to conduct.

The flight examiner handbook (FEH) provides detailed guidance on the application process and extensive material around assessment principles and methods, with many focused examples. The manual also provides guidance on all flight tests and proficiency checks.

When you apply for a flight examiner rating, you must meet the requirements for the grant of at least one flight test endorsement. If you wish to add further flight test endorsements to your rating, you must meet the requirements and experience for the flight test endorsement, undertake a course of training and pass a flight test for the grant.

To be granted a flight examiner rating, or to add a flight examiner endorsement to your rating, you must meet the experience criteria and follow the application procedures described within CASA Form 61-FER. The form should be submitted in accordance with the instructions and you should refer to the submission checklist to ensure the application is complete. This form is available on the CASA website.

You must meet qualification and experience criteria and after completing the training, pass a flight test and be interviewed by CASA.

12.4 Requirements for the granting of a flight examiner rating

(61.1290)

To obtain a flight examiner rating, or additional flight examiner endorsements (if you hold a flight examiner rating) you must:

- › hold a CPL or ATPL
- › meet the requirements at least one flight test endorsement
- › hold a current Class 1 medical certificate
- › complete CASA Form 61-FER (see section 12.3 of this guide)
- › complete the FERC that includes:
 - » the flight examiner rating test
 - » an interview conducted by CASA.



CASA will also consider your relevant aviation experience. The expected experience levels CASA uses as a guide to assess suitability for each flight examiner endorsement are detailed in Form 61-FER. You must provide satisfactory documentary evidence of the declared qualifications and experience when submitting your application.

12.5 Privileges of flight examiner ratings

(61.1255)

Your flight examiner rating provides you with the privileges to conduct flight tests for licences, aircraft category ratings and operational ratings and their respective endorsements. You may grant all qualifications except the grant of a licence and the associated category rating and flight examiner ratings. You also hold the privilege to revalidate operational ratings (other than flight examiner ratings) requiring proficiency checks. Your flight examiner privileges are endorsements on your licence.

All flight test endorsements, other than the ATPL flight test endorsement, require you to hold the relevant training endorsement. The ATPL flight test endorsement requires you to hold an ATPL and an instrument rating flight test endorsement.

As a flight examiner, you are authorised to:

- › conduct flight tests for:
 - » pilot licences
 - » ratings on pilot licences (other than cruise relief flight engineer type ratings)
 - » endorsements on pilot licences
 - » grant holders of pilot licences:
 - » ratings, other than flight examiner ratings and cruise relief flight engineer type ratings
 - » endorsements, other than flight test endorsements
- › conduct proficiency checks for:
 - » instrument proficiency checks
 - » aerial application proficiency checks
 - » instructor proficiency checks
 - » operator proficiency checks
- › conduct English language proficiency assessments.

12.6 Limitations on flight examiner ratings

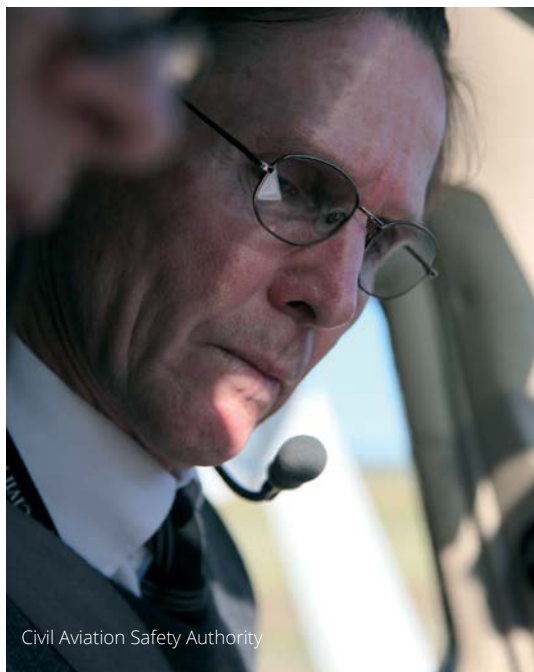
(61.1265 and 61.1285)

You may exercise the privileges of your flight examiner rating once you have:

- › completed the required FERC (see section 12.2 of this guide)
- › passed the flight test for the rating in an aircraft of the required category.

To conduct a flight test of any kind, you must:

- › hold a current applicable medical certificate
- › hold the rating or endorsement of the same kind or an approval under regulation 61.040
- › notify CASA at least 24 hours before the flight test via the Flight Test Management System
- › meet the proficiency and professional development requirements outlined below in section 12.12 of this guide
- › satisfy the fatigue risk management requirements laid out in CAO 48.1
- › log the flight time of the test (see the FEH for more details)
- › conduct an English language proficiency assessment.



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12.7 Endorsement requirements for a flight examiner

(61.1265, 61.1310 61.1315, 61.1318 and 61.1320)

Before conducting any flight test, proficiency check or assessment you must meet the requirements for the relevant flight examiner endorsements listed in table 46, 47 and 48 of this guide.

To hold the required endorsements listed in the tables to undertake a flight test, proficiency check or assessment you must hold:

- › a flight examiner rating
- › the licences and endorsements detailed in the tables as 'other requirements'.

Table 46: Endorsement requirements to conduct a flight test

The flight test I wish to undertake	Endorsement required	Other requirements
recreational pilot licence (RPL) (aeroplane)	private pilot licence flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	grade 1 training endorsement
private pilot licence (PPL) (aeroplane)		
specified aircraft category (aeroplane) on an RPL		
specified aircraft category (aeroplane) on a PPL		
single engine aeroplane class rating		
commercial pilot licence (CPL) aeroplane specified aircraft category (aeroplane) on a CPL	commercial pilot licence flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	grade 1 training endorsement
	Note: you may also undertake all flight tests mentioned above for a private pilot licence flight test endorsement	
multi-crew pilot licence (MPL) (aeroplane)	air transport pilot licence flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › an air transport pilot licence (aeroplane category rating) › instrument rating flight test endorsement
air transport pilot licence (ATPL) (aeroplane)		
multi-engine aeroplane class rating (if the aeroplane category is specified)		
instrument rating (aeroplane)		
a specified aircraft category rating on an ATPL		
multi-engine aeroplane class rating	multi-engine aeroplane class rating flight test endorsement	multi-engine aeroplane training endorsement
pilot type rating (in an aircraft of a specified type)	type rating flight test endorsement (type specific)	type rating training endorsement for the specified aircraft type
cruise relief copilot type rating (in an aircraft of a specified type)		

The flight test I wish to undertake	Endorsement required	Other requirements
instrument rating (aeroplane)	instrument rating flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	instrument rating training endorsement (aeroplane)
private instrument rating (aeroplane)		
instrument endorsement (aeroplane)		
private instrument endorsement (aeroplane)		
night VFR rating (aeroplane)	night VFR flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	night VFR rating training endorsement (aeroplane)
night VFR endorsement (aeroplane)		
low-level rating (aeroplane)	low-level rating flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	low-level training endorsement (aeroplane)
low-level endorsement (aeroplane)		
	Note: see alternative immediately below in this table	
aerial application rating (aeroplane)	aerial application rating flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	aerial application (day) training endorsement (aeroplane)
aerial application endorsement (aeroplane)		
low-level rating (aeroplane)		
low-level endorsement (aeroplane)		
flight instructor rating (aeroplane)	flight instructor rating flight test approval (category specific – aeroplane)	grade 1 training endorsement (aeroplane)
simulator instructor rating (aeroplane)		
training endorsement (aeroplane)		

Note: Instrument number CASA EX42/22 Flight training and test (low-fidelity simulators) exemption 2022 affects the type rating of the following aircraft:

- › Swearingen SA226/227
- › Embraer EMB120.

If you are a flight examiner for an affected type rating you are exempt from the requirements of subregulation 61.245(2), parts of regulation 61.1295 and paragraph 61.1300(4)(b)(ii). Before undertaking the type rating flight test, you must make yourself aware of the content of this legislative instrument.

To undertake any flight test detailed in table 46 in an aircraft, the flight test for your examiner's flight test endorsement must have been conducted in an aircraft.

Note: Before being issued any required endorsement from table 46 you must have:

- › completed a course of training for the endorsement that:
 - » is conducted by CASA or the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the course
 - » includes the content detailed in the MOS
- › passed the flight test detailed in the MOS for the grant of the endorsement.

Table 47: Endorsement requirements to conduct a proficiency check

The proficiency check I wish to undertake	Endorsement required	Other requirements
instrument proficiency check (specified category – aeroplane)	instrument rating flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	instrument rating training endorsement (aeroplane)
aerial application proficiency check (specified category – aeroplane)	aerial application rating flight test endorsement (category specific – aeroplane)	aerial application (day) training endorsement (aeroplane)
instructor proficiency check (aeroplane)	flight instructor rating flight test approval (category specific – aeroplane)	grade 1 training endorsement (aeroplane)

Note: Before being issued any required endorsement from table 47 you must have:

- › completed a course of training for the endorsement that:
 - » is conducted by CASA or the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the course
 - » includes the content detailed in the MOS
- › passed the flight test detailed in the MOS for the grant of the endorsement.



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Table 48: Endorsement requirements to conduct an assessment

The assessment I wish to undertake	Endorsement required	Other requirements
level 6 aviation English language proficiency assessment	English language assessment endorsement	any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › PPL flight test endorsement › CPL flight test endorsement › pilot type rating flight test endorsement
general English language proficiency assessment		

Note: Before being issued an English language assessment endorsement you must have:

- › completed training in the assessment of aviation English language proficiency (AELP) to the ICAO standards conducted by either:
 - » CASA
 - » the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the training
- › been assessed by CASA or the approval holder as competent to AELP to the ICAO standards
- › successfully completed an interview conducted by either:
 - » CASA
 - » the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the interview.

Note: You successfully complete the required interview if you satisfy CASA or the approval holder that you understand the standards for assessment of the AELP.

12.8 Obligations of a flight examiner

The Flight Crew Licensing Manual (FCLM) provides detailed guidance on the administrative procedures flight examiners must follow to grant ratings, endorsements and record proficiency checks and flight reviews.

Undertaking a flight test (61.1295)

You may only undertake a flight test for an applicant for a pilot licence, rating or endorsement on a pilot licence if:

- › you are nominated to conduct the flight test by the applicant’s training provider or CASA
- › you notify CASA of your intention to conduct the flight test at least 24 hours before the test
- › you conduct the flight test in accordance with the standards details in the MOS
- › you assess the applicant against the competency requirements of the MOS for the flight test
- › you advise the applicant’s training organisation of the results of the flight test including the reasons for any failure in an element
- › you complete a report (on the approved form) setting out the results of the flight test within 14 days of completing the flight test
- › you give a copy of the completed report to the applicant, the relevant part 141 or Part 142 operator and CASA.

Commencing a flight test (61.1300)

As a flight examiner, you may only commence a flight test if you are satisfied the following conditions are met:

- › the applicant:
 - › is at least the minimum required age for the issue of a licence
 - › has passed the applicable aeronautical knowledge examination
 - › has met the flight training requirements
 - › has the applicable aeronautical experience
- › has a current AELP assessment (applies to a PPL, CPL, ATPL or MPL applicant)
- › has a current Class 1 or 2 medical certificate, a Class 5 medical self-declaration (if applicable) or a medical exemption or in the case of an RPL they may also hold a recreational aviation medical practitioner's certificate. See section 2.7 of this guide.

Conducting a proficiency check (61.1305)

This section applies to conducting a relevant proficiency check as the holder of a flight examiner rating.

Note: A relevant proficiency check is any of the following:

- › an aerial application proficiency check
- › an instructor proficiency check
- › an instrument proficiency check.

If you are the holder of a flight examiner rating and conduct a relevant proficiency check you must within 14 days of a successful check:

- › endorse the holder's licence with:
 - › a statement that they have successfully passed the proficiency check
 - › the date the check was completed
 - › the rating for which the check was conducted
 - › the relevant category, class or type of aircraft (if applicable)
- › give CASA written notice of:
 - › the holder's name and ARN
 - › that the holder successfully completed the proficiency check
 - › the date the check was completed
 - › the rating for which the check was conducted
 - › the relevant category, class or type of aircraft (if applicable)
 - › the nationality and registration of the aircraft if the check was conducted in an aircraft
 - › the identifying number for the flight simulator if the check was conducted in a flight simulator.

You, as the flight examiner, must notify CASA of a proposed proficiency check at least 24 hours prior to the conduct of the proficiency check. However, for practical reasons there may be circumstances that CASA will grant you an approval such that you do not need to provide CASA with 24 hours' notice of a proficiency check e.g. due to their geographical location or communication availability.

12.9 Pilot in command during a flight test

When you are occupying a control seat during a flight test, you are PIC of the flight.

12.10 Occupying a flight control seat

(Instrument CASA EX32/24 Flight Crew Licensing and Other Matters (Miscellaneous Exemptions) Instrument 2024)

When you are using the privileges of your flight examiner rating, you must occupy a flight control seat in the following activities:

- › a proficiency check, in an aircraft that is not a single-place aircraft, unless each flight crew member occupying a flight control seat is authorised to pilot the aircraft
- › any activity where you are or are required to be the PIC
- › any activity that a flight control seat is available for you to occupy.

Note: You are not required to occupy a flight control seat whilst using the remaining privileges of your licence in section 12.5 of this guide unless the above applies.

If you are conducting an activity in a flight simulation training device and you are not occupying a control seat you must:

- › be located at a place that enables you to observe all demonstrations by each flight crew member occupying a flight control seat
- › be able to monitor each flight crew member's use of radiocommunication systems
- › maintain 2-way communications with the flight crew members
- › not manipulate any aircraft control or system accessible from a flight control seat.

You are only permitted to conduct a flight examiner activity for a flight in a single-place aircraft if:

- › the activity is an aerial application proficiency check
- › you are located at a place where you can observe all the required demonstrations by the pilot of the aircraft.

12.11 Recency requirements

(61.1275)

You must meet the recency requirements applicable to the type of flight test you are conducting. For example:

- › If you are conducting a flight test or proficiency check for an instrument rating, you must meet the recency requirements to conduct the flight under the IFR.
- › If you are conducting a flight test for a pilot licence if you meet the recency requirements of the licence for which the flight test is conducted.
- › If you are conducting a flight test for an endorsement on a pilot licence if you meet the recency requirements of the rating to which the endorsement relates.

You must meet these requirements at the time of the flight test.

12.12 Proficiency and professional development requirements

You must undertake a proficiency check and participate in a professional development program (PDP) every 2 years. The purpose of recurrent proficiency checks and the PDP is to verify that a uniform standard continues to be applied by flight examiners in the application of performance standards and the evaluation of a candidate's skills during flight tests.

Flight examiner rating proficiency check requirements (61.1285)

You are required to undertake an examiner proficiency check every 2 years.

The proficiency check may be conducted in an aircraft or in an appropriate flight simulation training device. If you are authorised to conduct flight tests for more than one licence or rating, the authorisations to be included in your check

will be at the discretion of CASA, or the approved person conducting the proficiency check. The one proficiency check will cover all licence and rating flight test endorsements you hold, including those not actually reviewed during the check.

There are a number of alternatives to holding a valid flight examiner proficiency check.

Your proficiency check is valid as shown in table 49.

Table 49: Flight examiner proficiency checks

Activity	Time Period
pass the flight test for the rating	date of passing the endorsement test flight until the 24th month after the month of passing the endorsement test flight. For example, if you conduct the test on 17 March 2024, your instrument proficiency check is valid until 30 April 2026
pass a flight test for a flight examiner endorsement and the flight test was taken more than 6 months from the date of the rating flight test	date of passing the endorsement test flight until the 24th month after the month of passing the endorsement test flight. For example, if you conduct the test on 17 March 2024, your instrument proficiency check is valid until the 30 April 2026
complete an examiner proficiency check in an aircraft or an approved flight simulator training device and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › it is conducted by CASA, a flight examiner or holder of a 61.040 approval to conduct the check › your logbook is endorsed by one of the above that you have completed an instructor proficiency check 	date of passing the endorsement test flight until the 24th month after the month of passing the endorsement test flight. For example, if you conduct the test on 17 March 2024, your instrument proficiency check is valid until the 30 April 2026



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If you hold an instructor proficiency check (resulting from any of the above) you may complete an instructor proficiency check for the rating within 3 months before the expiry of your previous check. For example, if your existing an instructor proficiency check expires on 31 July 2025, you may undertake a flight review in May, June or July of 2025.

If you fail an instructor proficiency check, you no longer hold a valid instructor proficiency check.

Flight review and subject matter proficiency check requirements (61.1280)

You must also meet the requirements of table 50 specific to the flight test you wish to conduct.

Table 50: Flight review and subject matter proficiency check requirements

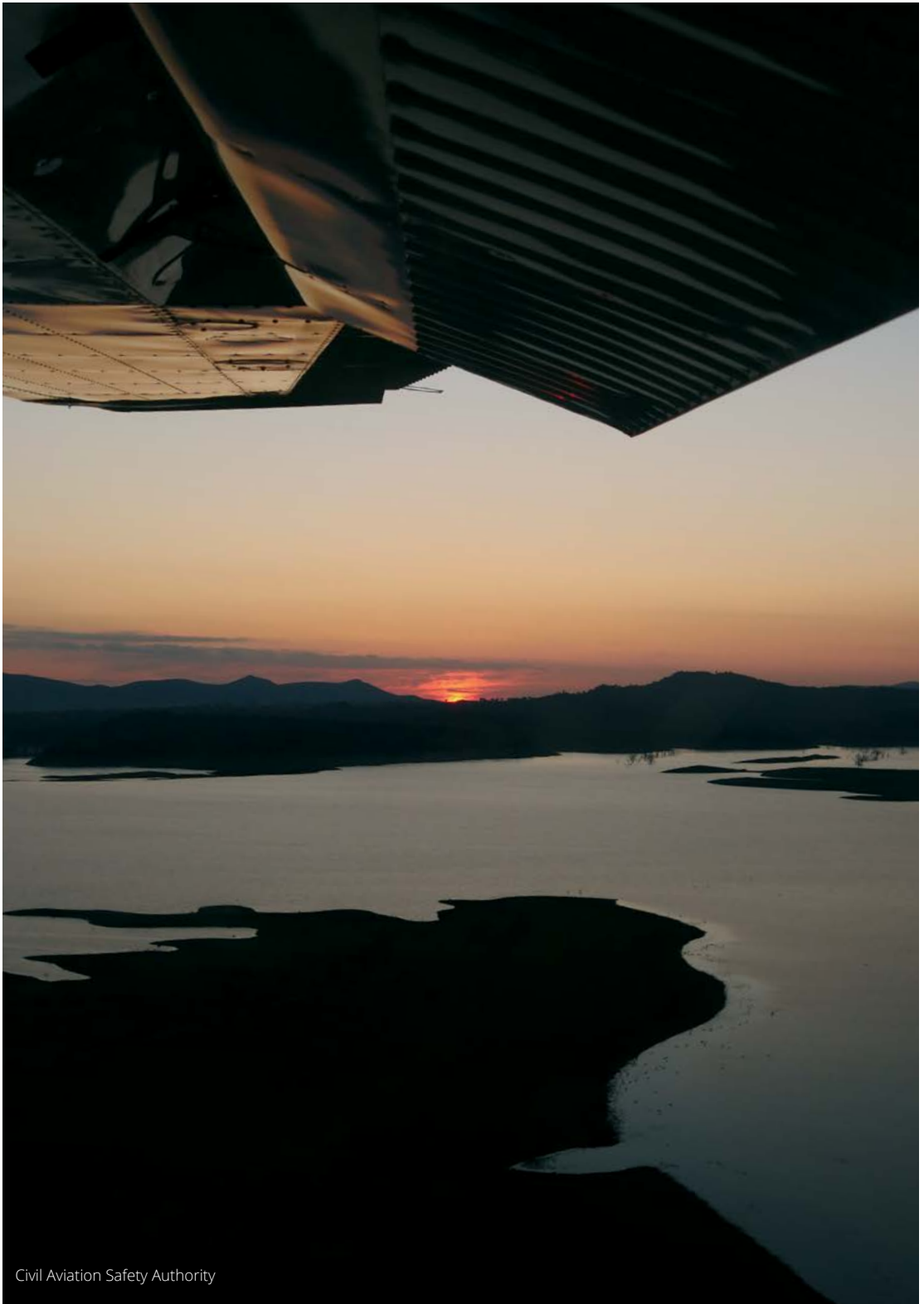
The flight test I wish to undertake	Flight review and subject matter proficiency check requirements
multi-crew pilot licence (aeroplane)	valid instrument proficiency check (aeroplane)
air transport pilot licence (aeroplane)	valid instrument proficiency check (aeroplane)
instrument rating (aeroplane)	valid instrument proficiency check (aeroplane)
aerial application rating (aeroplane)	valid aerial application proficiency check (aeroplane)
instructor rating (aeroplane)	valid instructor proficiency check (aeroplane)
any other rating (aeroplane)	valid flight review for the rating (aeroplane)
instrument endorsement (aeroplane)	valid instrument proficiency check (aeroplane)
aerial application endorsement (aeroplane)	valid aerial application proficiency check (aeroplane)
training endorsement (aeroplane)	valid instructor proficiency check (aeroplane)
any other endorsement (aeroplane)	valid flight review for the rating to which the endorsement relates (aeroplane)

Professional development requirements (61.1270)

You must participate in a professional development program (PDP) every 2 years.

The PDP must be either:

- › conducted by CASA
- › an approved course conducted by the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040.



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