



# CHAPTER 17

## BILATERAL AGREEMENTS



## 17.1 Overview

(61.280 and FCLM 13)

CASA may grant a licence, rating or endorsement to you in accordance with a bilateral agreement between Australia and the contracting state who granted your licence. For example, if you have a CPL or an ATPL granted by the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAANZ) you may be eligible for an equivalent Australian licence, rating and other endorsement.

CASA does not recognise the qualifications of overseas military flight crew. Overseas military pilots must obtain a civilian flight crew licence in their own country (or any other ICAO country) before applying for an Australian flight crew licence.

## 17.2 Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA)

(61.280)

The Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA) 1997 grants individuals the freedom to work in either country. This recognition extends to aviation, where holders of New Zealand professional flight crew licences (CPL and ATPL) may apply for the equivalent qualifications in Australia.



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As an applicant for an Australian CPL or ATPL (as applicable) you must:

- › be at least 18 years of age (for a CPL) or at least 21 years of age (for an ATPL)
- › have contacted the CAANZ and provided them with the required form to release the details of your flight crew licence to CASA
- › have an ARN (CPL only)
- › hold a current New Zealand CPL or ATPL that is not suspended, cancelled, or restricted
- › hold a current NZ instrument rating proficiency check conducted as a multi crew operation on a multi-engine turbine powered aircraft (required for ATPL(A) only)
- › hold a minimum of ICAO Level 4 aviation English language proficiency (AELP) rating or have undertaken an assessment in Australia
- › have completed the Australian statutory declaration (see below) and have the document signed by an approved person
- › have the supporting documentation (detailed below) certified as true copies of the original by an approved person, unless the documents form part of the statutory declaration
- › have paid the applicable licence fee (refer to payment advice section of Form 760 noting all fees are AUD)
- › have completed and signed Form 760 (TTMRA Application).



CASA does not recognise NZ military qualifications. You must convert these to civilian qualifications with the CAANZ before submission to CASA.



A NZ licence holder must complete an Application for Licence Verification form from CAANZ website along with identification.

### **Exemption – Instrument rating aeronautical knowledge (Instrument CASA EX32/24 Flight Crew Licensing and Other Matters (Miscellaneous Exemptions) Instrument 2024)**

If you wish to apply for an ATPL (aeroplane) and CASA has granted you a CPL (aeroplane) and an aeroplane category instrument rating (in accordance with the TTMRA) you are not required to have passed the IREX.

You may undertake the flight test for your ATPL(A) without meeting this aeronautical knowledge requirement.

## 17.3 Statutory declarations

A statutory declaration (SD) is mandatory for all TTMRA applications.

You must complete the Commonwealth of Australia Statutory Declaration form and have it signed by an authorised individual. These can be obtained from Australia post offices, police stations or Australian consulates/embassies overseas.

The *Statutory Declarations Regulations 1993* provides a list of persons (on the back of the SD form) before whom a declaration can be made.



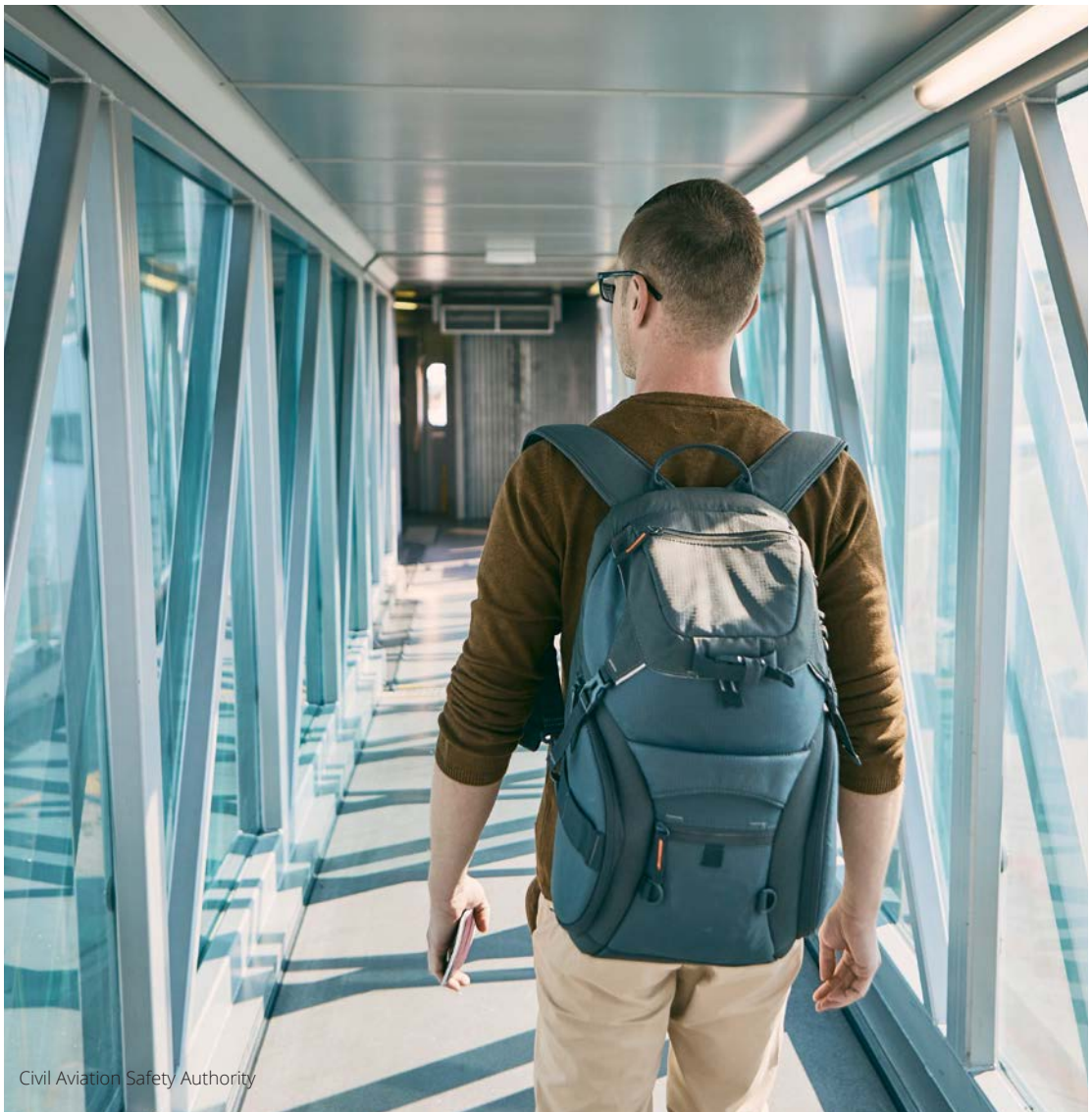
A NZ doctor who is a CASA DAME may not be eligible to sign an Australian statutory declaration form. They must be licenced to practice medicine in a state of Australia and must also provide their Australian medical practitioners registration number in addition to their DAME number.

The following documents must be submitted to CASA when you are making a TTMRA application:

- › your completed TTMRA Application (Form 760)
- › a copy of both sides of your current New Zealand licence
- › a copy of all pages (back and front) of your current New Zealand medical certificate
- › your completed Australian statutory declaration (SD) form
- › copies of your relevant logbook pages.



Do not forward photocopied pages from your logbooks that are NOT relevant to the issue of a CASA licence. Only submit copies of those pages that reflect your last renewal for a particular New Zealand rating and/or aircraft endorsement and the type rating certificate page.



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