



## **India Private Training Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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### Application and selection

#### 1. Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 18 on selection testing
- Indian National or OCI holder
- Minimum Academic Qualification – 10+2 with at least 51% in each English, Maths and Physics

**Note:** The eligibility criteria for Maths and/or Physics can be overlooked if someone holds a Higher Education Degree in those subjects with 51% and above, an Engineering Degree or B.Tech (4 year program) with 51% and above.

- Fluent in English, both written and verbal
- Eligible to hold an Australian Visa for the purposes of study
- Hold or eligible to hold, an Indian passport with the unrestricted right to live and work in India and travel worldwide
- Physically fit and healthy.

**Note:** You will be required to hold an Indian (DGCA) Class 1 aviation medical prior to starting on course. You will be required to clear an Australian (CASA) Class 1 aviation medical with no limitations on arrival at FTA. A stable body mass index (BMI) of less than 30 is required.

#### 2. I do not meet the minimum academic qualification, what can I do?

If you do not meet this requirement, you can pursue these subjects via the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). NIOS results are acceptable.

#### 3. I have not turned 18 yet and/or have not got my 10+2 results yet, can I still apply?

If you are 17 and/or in your final year but have not received your 10+2 results yet, we will accept your application. You cannot be tested until you meet the eligibility criteria, but we will register your interest for a later date.

#### 4. Do I need a valid passport?

Yes. Not required to commence the selection process, but it is a requirement to commence training in Australia

#### 5. I already hold a pilot's licence, can I apply?

Yes. Note that you will be required to undertake the full training under phase 2 (Australia). You may get recognition of prior learning for your previous experience towards the license conversion module (Phase 3).

**6. What happens after I apply?**

FTA will process your application and advise if you are eligible to be considered for the first stage of testing or not. This process will generally occur within 7 working days of application.

If your application is accepted FTA will offer you the next available testing date immediately

**7. What does the selection process involve?**

Both stages of the testing and selection process occur in the same location, Gurgaon-Delhi, and will occur on the same day **Stage 1 – Written tests**

Candidates will take three multiple choice written tests covering English, Physics and Maths subjects. FTA does not provide a syllabus or sample questions to any candidate for these tests.

If successful you will advance to Stage 2 – PILAPT.

**8. Stage 2 – PILAPT**

**PILAPT is a computer based pilot aptitude test. PILAPT targets aviation specific competencies such as hand to eye coordination (using a joystick) multi-tasking ability, capacity and decision making amongst other competencies. Please refer to the FAQ “How do I prepare for PILAPT”?**

FTA does not charge a fee for the testing and selection process. If you are travelling to Delhi for testing, travel, accommodation and other expenses are at your own cost.

**9. How can I prepare for PILAPT?**

It is best not to prepare for the PILAPT test. This test was designed to identify whether you have the appropriate aptitude to successfully complete your course of training with FTA.

The consequence of practising for the test is a misleading PILAPT result if you are selected to attend the course, which will increase your risk of failing the course.

**10. What happens if I have a confirmed testing slot and I don't appear?**

If you have a confirmed booking to test and you do not appear, you will be not eligible to test with FTA at any time in the future.

We will accept cancellation up to 72 hours prior to testing without penalty.

**11. I have already completed the DGCA Flight Crew Examinations, can I still apply?**

Yes, if you have already completed these exams you will not be disadvantaged in the application process. A fee reduction may be applicable under certain circumstances, this is reviewed on a case by case basis.

## After Selection

### 12. Is there a job guaranteed on completion of training?

**NO** Please note that this program **is not** affiliated to any cadet programs. However, on successful completion of the program, you will meet the minimum requirements to apply for a job with an Indian airline.

### 13. What are the payment schedules for this Program?

Please click below to see the current Payment Schedule.

[Payment Schedule](#)

### 14. Which class of medical certification should I have before the course starts? \*

You must be in possession of a valid Indian DGCA Class 1 medical certificate with no limitations. \*\*

Prior to the flying component of your CPL course in Australia, you will be required to hold a valid CASA Class 1 medical certificate. FTA will organise the Class 1 medical examination on your arrival at FTA's facilities.

*\* Please note that cost of the Indian Class 1 medical certificate is at your own expense. Cost of attaining the CASA Class 1 medical certificate, and renewal prior to licence conversion, is included in your course price.*

*\*\* A stable BMI of less than 30 is required. Cadets are recommended to remain within the globally recognised BMI range of 18 to 25 (normal weight category).*

## On Course

### 15. Will I need to stay at the FTA campus?

Yes, it is a requirement that students stay in the FTA provided accommodation for the full duration of training delivered in Australia.

### 16. Are meals included in the course cost?

Yes, meals are included for the duration of the course.

### 17. Where is the licence conversion done?

Phase 1 DGCA ground theory and Phase 3 licence conversion will be conducted in India with FTA's approved providers.

### 18. Can my training be terminated once I start a course?

Yes. Employment in a professional aviation career is subject to an ongoing training and assessment process. Selection to commence a course is no guarantee of successful completion. Optimising chances of success will rely on personal dedication and application to study to complement the training provided. Remedial training may be considered if an individual's progress is not to the standard required.

**19. Are there any additional training costs?**

The course price allows for the minimum number of flying hours set in the DGCA regulations. Historically, we have seen that some cadets meet the competencies required to achieve the qualification within the allocated number of hours, therefore no additional training costs have been incurred.

There have been instances where cadets have required a number of hours over and above those stipulated in the syllabus, and as a result they have incurred some additional training fees.

In general, we have found that cadets require an average of 10 – 15 additional flying hours, some more and some less.

For budgeting purposes, we would suggest that you plan for some additional funding to cover this possibility.

**20. Are there any non-training costs?**

The following costs are not included in the course price:

Student Visa cost
India - Australia Flight*
Initial DGCA Class 1 medical
Headset (On loan headset can be provided)
Transport home at India to License Conversion (Phase 3) facility
* Student may access FTA Corporate fares with Singapore Airlines