



PILOT ACADEMY





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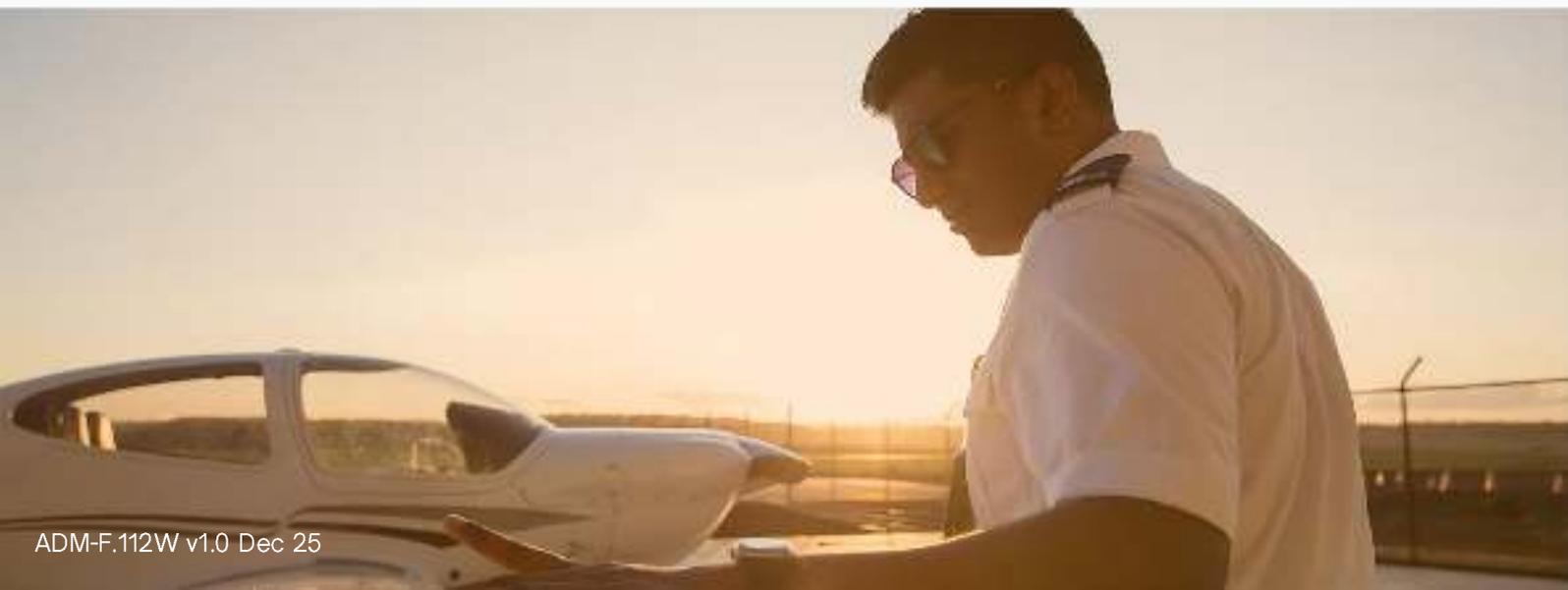
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Welcome to the QANTAS GROUP PILOT ACADEMY

At FTA Queensland, we are proud to partner with Qantas to deliver a training experience that goes beyond the cockpit. The Qantas Group Pilot Academy is more than just a place to learn – it's a vibrant, inclusive community where passion for aviation meets purpose, and where your ambition is supported every step of the way.

As a student, you'll be immersed in a professional environment that champions safety, excellence, and innovation. You'll train alongside dedicated instructors and peers who share your drive, and you'll graduate with the skills, confidence, and mindset to thrive in one of the world's fastest-growing industries.

We believe that great pilots come from all walks of life. That's why we're committed to creating a learning environment that values diversity, fosters respect, and ensures everyone feels seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Our programs are built on a foundation of integrity, quality, and continuous improvement – because your future deserves nothing less.

We're excited to welcome you to the Academy, and we can't wait to see where your journey will take you.

Let's take flight – together.

Pierre Steyn
Chief Operating Officer





Location

FTA Queensland is situated approximately 17km from Toowoomba City and located in the business park of Wellcamp Airport.

The FTAQ campus offers a unique blend of features that accommodate a myriad of training options due to Wellcamp's 2.8km runway.

Toowoomba is a safe, green city, known as Queensland's Garden City. It is sophisticated and modern. It boasts an array of cafes, restaurants, flea markets and a bustling retail hub. Its proximity to Brisbane and the Gold Coast makes it easy to travel and explore parts of Queensland.

Situated on the crest of the Great Dividing Range about 700 metres above sea level, we have a warm, humid, subtropical climate with warm summers (29oC average) and cold winters (6oC average).

Within 20km of the training facility, students are able to take advantage of the major shopping centres in town for all their retail needs. The CBD offers full entertainment facilities such as theatres, museums, exhibitions, entertainment complexes and cinemas.



Theory Training

Our dedicated ground school instructors' expertise and commitment significantly elevate the educational experience for our students. With a wealth of experience in both commercial pilot licence (CPL) and airline transport pilot licence (ATPL) subjects, we endeavour to be both educators and mentors who inspire and cultivate the next generation of commercial pilots.

Brand-new classrooms provide an ideal learning environment for each student and an ever-improving educational system allows support throughout all aspects of theory training.

Our students consistently achieve results surpassing the average industry standard in all subjects due to the quality of training provided. Through a combination of structured lessons and personalised guidance, our instructors equip students with the critical knowledge and skills necessary for the theoretical aspects of aviation. They develop the confidence to apply that knowledge practically, paving the way for their successful careers in the skies.





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Flight Training

Our proximity to Oakey, Archerfield, Amberley, Gold Coast International Airport, and a generous general flying training area offers the following benefits:

- All the required navigational aids for effective and efficient IFR training (NDB, VOR, ILS, and RNAV approaches).
- Radar-controlled airspace, allowing for safe IFR separation and exposure to the airline traffic environment.
- Unlimited, uncontrolled airspace for navigation and access to a multitude of regional airfields.

FTAQ hires flight instructors from diverse backgrounds, including our own alumni. We implement a comprehensive standardisation process for all instructors to guarantee that our students receive high-quality training. We motivate our instructors to enhance their flight instructor credentials while working with us and to pursue ongoing learning throughout their tenure.

With a fleet comprising DA40s and DA42s maintained by our onsite maintenance team, FTAQ delivers only the highest standard in flight training with an easy transition from single to multi-engine aircraft.



Residential

Our Residential side of campus is dedicated to 23 houses, a mess hall, a gymnasium and multi-purpose court. Each house is divided into duplex units, with six bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchenette, a living room and laundry facilities. A weekly housekeeping service ensures that linen and towels are always kept fresh and a dedicated maintenance team checks regularly for any standard wear and tear.

Students are encouraged to make use of the onsite gym, fitted with new state-of-the-art equipment. Outside of the gym, students can enjoy our multi-purpose court for sports such as tennis, volleyball and basketball.

Included for students living onsite is a professionally cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner every day of the week. Our mess hall boasts a seating capacity of 150 indoors and 30 on the outside shaded alfresco. Our menu always has healthy options and endeavours to meet all dietary requests and requirements as much as possible.

For students hungering for a midnight snack, our kitchenette is kept stocked with fresh fruit and sufficient ingredients for a sneaky toasted sandwich.



Student Support Services

Students have access to a number of resources whilst studying, including our Learning Resource Centre, onsite Student Welfare, Residential Services, IT support and close proximity to various medical centres in Toowoomba.



The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) offers comprehensive support for all students on campus, featuring a full collection of recommended textbooks for ground school and necessary maps for external CASA exams.

During the flying phase, students can benefit from resources such as headsets, laminating services and essential stationery supplies. The PaperCut system enables convenient printing balance top-ups at the front reception desk.

Additionally, the Academy maintains a stock of all required maps for the course, along with extra logbooks, epaulettes and Hi-Vis vests to ensure students have everything they need for their training.

Understanding the demands of their rigorous schedules, students can receive their important mail and packages without having to make the trip into town. Whether it's coursework, personal correspondence or essential supplies, the LRC serves as a reliable hub, ensuring that students stay connected and well-equipped throughout their journey in the skies.

Learning Resource Centre



Student Health and Mental Wellbeing



Student Welfare and Wellbeing Services

At the Qantas Group Pilot Academy, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing and success of every student throughout their training journey. Our on-campus Student Welfare and Wellbeing services are designed to foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that helps students thrive both academically and personally. A dedicated Student Welfare Manager is available to provide guidance on personal matters, help students navigate challenges, and offer confidential support. Students have access to mental health services, including on-site or referral-based counselling, as well as wellbeing resources tailored to the demands of aviation training.

Proactive Wellbeing Initiatives

We also offer regular check-ins and group activities to encourage social connection and resilience. In addition, our administrative team collaborates closely with instructors and support staff to monitor student wellbeing and intervene early where needed.

Supporting a Balanced Training Experience

Whether students need assistance managing stress, building healthy routines, or finding the right study-life balance, our welfare services are here to help. We understand the intensity of flight training and believe that a strong support network is key to producing confident, capable pilots.

Onsite Gym and Fitness Resources

The onsite gym is available exclusively to Academy students and is equipped with a range of cardio and strength training equipment to support fitness and wellbeing throughout the training program. Whether students are looking to maintain their fitness routine or unwind after a full day of flying, the gym provides a convenient and accessible space to stay active.

Tailored Catering Services

We also offer comprehensive catering services with all meals prepared daily on site. Our catering team is experienced in accommodating a wide range of dietary requirements, including food allergies, intolerances, religious preferences, and lifestyle choices. Students are asked to provide their dietary details during the enrolment process to ensure tailored meal planning that supports their health and energy needs.

Residential Support and Housekeeping

To help minimise the stress of day-to-day living, weekly housekeeping is included for all residential units. This service ensures clean, tidy, and hygienic living spaces so that students can focus on their training. Additionally, our onsite maintenance team is available throughout the week to address any issues that may arise, from air-conditioning faults to general repairs, ensuring a safe and comfortable environment at all times.

Life on Campus

Life at the Qantas Group Pilot Academy is rewarding both in and out of the classroom. Students live, learn, and train in a close-knit, supportive environment. It's a place where lasting friendships form, milestones are celebrated, and a shared passion for aviation connects everyone, creating an experience that is as memorable as it is meaningful.



From the moment students arrive, they become part of a vibrant community where staff, instructors, and fellow students are all working towards a common goal: producing the next generation of exceptional pilots. Whether it's sharing stories over dinner in the dining hall or studying together for flight exams, the camaraderie and connection among students are strong and genuine.

Milestones are a memorable part of life at the Academy, and none more so than a student's first solo flight. It's a moment of pride, accomplishment, and tradition, marked by an enthusiastic dunking in a bucket of water by course mates. This light-hearted ritual celebrates a serious achievement, creating bonds and memories that last well beyond graduation.



Perhaps most memorable are the achievements. When students pass their Mod 3 check flight, they're awarded their gold bars in a small yet significant ceremony. It is a proud tradition that symbolises their progress and dedication. These achievements are often shared with peers and instructors who have supported their journey every step of the way.



Student Committee

At the Academy, students are encouraged to form their own clubs, study groups, and life-long friendships. The student committee, made up entirely of nominated students, regularly hosts events and activities open to all.

Whether it's movie nights in the Mess, trivia battles, paint-and-sip sessions, or a casual trip into town, the student committee helps make student life inclusive and welcoming to everyone regardless of background, culture, or gender.

This strong sense of community inspires students to get involved, have fun, and build lasting connections with their peers and fellow future aviators.



Admissions Process



To apply for the Academy, you must be at least 17 years old, have finished Year 12 or Cert IV equivalent in Australia or graduating within a year, and be an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Humanitarian Visa holder.

Maths and Physics are highly desirable for subject selection.

PHASE 1

Phase 1 is also known as Moodle. Candidates will be provided with 10 hours' worth of study material two weeks prior to a final closed-book examination.

To pass, candidates must receive a 70% or higher mark.

PHASE 2

Phase 2 is a psychometric test called Cut-E. This is facilitated by a third-party, AON, and will assess candidates on competencies against a known benchmark of first officers Australia-wide.

There is a \$200 licence fee associated with this Phase of testing that is valid for up to 12 months.

PHASE 3

Phase 3 is an arranged interview with either the COO or Director of Training (DOT). Candidates will discuss their results and motivation for flying before being recommended to begin at the Academy.

ENROLMENT

If recommended, an enrolment form is sent to each candidate and recognition of prior learning can be requested.

Once enrolment has been processed, a training agreement will be sent for the student to sign with the conditions of the offer.



Once the student has signed their agreement, they will commence on the course they have nominated and discussed with FTAQ.



Admission Pre-Requisites

1 Mandatory Requirements

The course has very strong elements of maths and science (physics) and it is desirable that candidates have a thorough understanding of these subjects at a Year 12 level, as well as:

- Senior secondary (Year 12) Certificate of Education, or
- Certificate IV or higher in the Australian Qualifications Framework, or
- Similar overseas qualification assessed by a Federal/State government agency, or
- Results of exit level 3 or above in the Australian Core Skills Framework in reading and numeracy (organised by FTAQ after selection)
- If you're a current Year 12 student, you may apply for pre-selection. If you're selected, a course offer would be pending meeting one of the above criteria.

Students must be 18 years of age to commence the course. Applications for pre-selection will be accepted from ages 17 and above. FTAQ recommends attaining an ATAR of 75 or higher; however this is not required.

All students must have the ability to hold a CASA Class 1 Medical. We recommend applying for a Class 1 as soon as possible as a course offer is subject to this ability. At this stage, the academy is only accepting applications from Australian Citizens or holders of Australian Permanent Residency. New Zealand Citizens will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2 Previous Experience

The course delivered at the academy is designed for someone with little or no previous flying experience. Should a candidate hold a PPL, the training provider, FTA, will assess any previous training and offer an entry point in the course based on recognised prior learning. Preference will be provided to applicants with lower hours.

If a candidate currently holds a CPL, this course is not applicable. The academy might consider offering stand-alone Multi-Engine Command Rating, MCC, or ATPL courses in the future; however this is currently not an option.



Admission Pre-Selection

3 What is Pre-Selection?

To help provide an equal opportunity to all future pilots, our Pre-Selection is an alternate entry pathway for those who may not meet our educational requirements and standards upon application.

Applicants that did not complete Year 12 Maths, English and Physics may also be invited to attend Pre-Selection.

4 How is Pre-Selection Assessed?

The Pre-Selection assessment is hosted by AON and used by FTAQ to assess a candidate's ability in Applied Numeracy, Applied Reasoning, and Deductive Logical Thinking. The three ability modules can be completed online in a candidate's own time, and usually have a completion deadline of two weeks. As the assessment is operated by a third-party, a licensing fee of \$30 applies and is valid for 12 months from the date of payment.

FTAQ then reviews a benchmark percentile score based on performance (right vs. wrong) and processing style (fast vs. slow) against a comparison group for each ability module. Selected candidates will then proceed to Phase 1 to continue through the selection process.

The pre-selection assessment also provides an opportunity for candidates to gain insight into their own abilities for self-improvement. Being a pilot requires a person to acknowledge and retain feedback as well as assess their own strengths and weaknesses.

Should initial results be unsatisfactory, FTAQ encourages a 3-month waiting period before re-attempting the assessment.

Admission Phase 1 - Moodle



What is Phase 1- Moodle?

Phase 1 (Moodle) is the first step of our admissions process.

It is an online, invigilated, closed-book exam to give us an understanding of current study skills. The academy considers study skills an important predictor of success.

Study Preparation

FTAQ provides 10 hours of study material and assesses the difference between study time and final grade achieved. No prior knowledge is expected of students, although having previous knowledge in the subjects will give them an advantage.

Passing Criteria

The minimum score required is 70% or higher. Candidates who do not pass the exam must observe a stand-down period of 6 months before retaking Phase 1.

Exam Content Categories

Maths & Physics

- International System of Units
- Newton's Laws
- Dynamics
- Geometry
- Mental mathematics
- Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

Aircraft General Knowledge

- Basic Airframe
- Internal Combustion Engine
- Hydraulics, Electrics & Magnetism

Aerodynamics

- Symbols & Definitions
- Aerofoil Terminology
- Static & Dynamic Pressure

Navigation

- Earth Fundamentals
- Velocity Triangle & Date-Time Groups

Operations, Performance, and Loading

- Weight
- Weight & Balance Terminology
- Meteorological Considerations Affecting Performance



Still have questions
about admissions? 
Email us here!

What: Online, invigilated, closed-book exam assessing study skills.
Why: Study skills are key predictors of success.
Pass Mark: 70% minimum.
Retake Rule: 6-month wait if failed.
Support: 10 hours of prep material provided.
Notes: No prior subject knowledge required, but helpful.

Admission Phase 2 - CUT-E



What is Phase 2-Cut-E?

Phase 2 Cut-E is an online psychometric assessment designed to evaluate your personality, competence, and ability to determine your suitability for pilot training. It consists of nine modules assessing various cognitive and behavioural skills relevant to the role.

Study Preparation

No prior preparation is required, but you can familiarize yourself by visiting AON's practice website to review sample content and test the layout. Tests can be completed in one session or across multiple sessions; however, once an individual test begins, it cannot be interrupted. Some modules may have time limits, such as timed equation calculations, and the entire assessment usually takes about 105 minutes to complete all nine modules.

Passing Criteria

While specific pass/fail criteria are not provided, the assessment is designed to evaluate your current suitability for pilot training based on your performance across the nine modules.

What:	An online test with 9 modules
Why:	To assess skills and personality
Pass Mark:	No set pass or fail score.
Retake Rule:	6-month wait if not selected.
Support:	You can practice modules online.
Notes:	Takes roughly 105 minutes.

Module Categories

- 1 Behavioural Questionnaire**
Assesses personality traits and behavioural tendencies to understand how you might fit within pilot training and the aviation environment.
- 2 Auditory Processing**
Evaluates how well you can process and interpret information received through hearing. Important for communication and situational awareness.
- 3 Spatial Orientation**
Assesses your ability to understand and mentally manipulate spatial relationships, important for navigation and maneuvering.
- 4 Reaction Speed**
Measures how quickly you can respond to stimuli, a critical skill for pilots who must react promptly in dynamic situations.
- 5 Multi-tasking Capability**
Evaluates your skill in managing several tasks simultaneously without losing accuracy or efficiency.
- 6 Complex Control Precision**
Tests your ability to accurately control complex systems or inputs, reflecting skills needed for managing aircraft controls.
- 7 Monitoring Ability**
Tests your capacity to continuously observe and detect changes or anomalies in information over time, essential for safety monitoring.
- 8 Applied Numeracy**
Tests practical mathematical skills and your ability to perform calculations quickly and accurately under time pressure.
- 9 Deductive Logical Reasoning**
Measures your ability to solve problems and make decisions using logic without relying on language, such as recognizing patterns or sequences.

Admission Phase 3 - Interview

What is Phase 3-Interview?

The interview is the final and most in-depth stage of the Qantas Group Pilot Academy admission process. Conducted by either the Chief Operating Officer (COO) or Director of Training (DOT), this 90-minute session is designed to assess a candidate's overall suitability for professional pilot training.

Study Preparation

Review aviation basics, physics, and mental math; practice logical reasoning and memory exercises. Reflect on your motivation, discipline, and teamwork. Prepare examples showing resilience and problem-solving. Be professional, enthusiastic, and clear about why you're pursuing aviation. Research Qantas values to align your responses with our expectations.

Passing Criteria

This stage is not only an assessment of technical potential but also an opportunity to demonstrate the mindset, discipline, and enthusiasm required to succeed in a fast-paced training environment and aviation career.

Interview Topics

Motivation

Showcasing a genuine interest in aviation and a clear understanding of the role and responsibilities of a pilot.

Maths & Logical Reasoning

Ability to apply mathematical concepts and logical thinking to solve problems.

Attitude & Interpersonal Skills

Communication, teamwork, professionalism, and alignment with the Qantas Group's values and expectations.

Aviation Knowledge

Awareness of the aviation industry and foundational concepts relevant to pilot training.

Short-term Memory

Tasks to measure information retention and recall.

Physics & Lateral Thinking

Practical application of physics principles and the ability to approach problems creatively.



Admission Resources & Examples

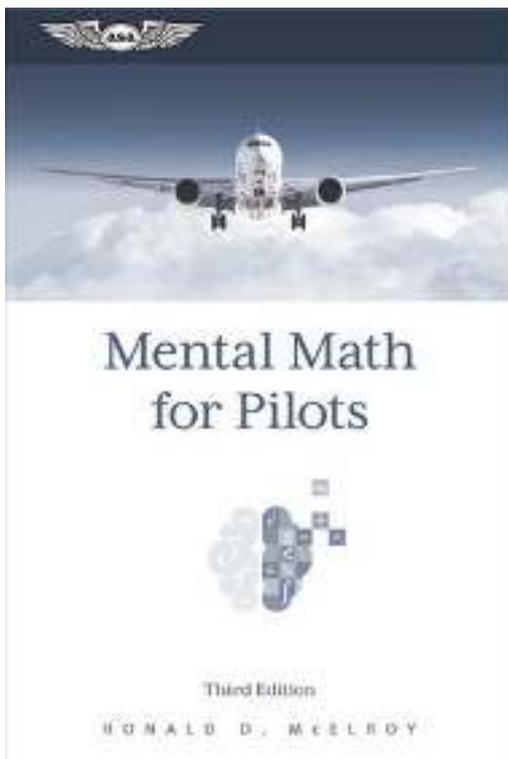
If you're ever unsure about the admissions process, you can always contact us for more clarification. We're happy to help!

Ability	Poor	Marginal	Moderate	Good	Excellent
Monitoring Ability (omo)					●
Spatial Orientation (ndb)			●		
Applied Numeracy (intLaw)					●
Reaction Speed (rt div)					●
Auditory Comprehension (ats)				●	
Multi-tasking Capability (mt aviation)					●
Complex Control (wingChallenge)			●		
Deductive-logical Reasoning (gapChallenge)				●	



Phase 1 already includes guided study material to help you prepare, but you can also get a head start on Phase 2 by exploring free online practice tools through the AON assessment website.

These optional practice modules give you a feel for the types of tasks involved and can help build your confidence.



We don't expect a perfect score, but strong foundational skills will always support your journey. A great resource to sharpen your maths and mental agility is *Mental Math for Pilots*, a book many aspiring aviators find useful. You'll also discover plenty of helpful content online, and talking to current or former student pilots can offer valuable tips and real-life insight.

For parents supporting their child's career planning, we recommend encouraging curiosity and preparation at every step. Our selection process is not about "getting it all right," but about identifying potential and setting future pilots up for success.

Course Overview



AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)

A CPL is the first milestone in an aviation career. CPL holders with limited flying experience may secure jobs as charter pilots in regional centres while building logbook hours.

Duration:	31 weeks
Flying:	155 hours
Simulator:	10 hours
Theory:	360 hours



AVI50519 Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)

The Multi-Engine Command Instrument Rating allows pilots to fly in full instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) at all phases of the flight, both during the day and at night in any operation permitted by the grade of pilot's licence held.

	8 weeks
Duration:	33 hours
Flying:	22 hours
Simulator:	70 hours
Theory:	



AVI60219 Advanced Diploma of Aviation (Pilot in Command)

Multi-crew cooperation (MCC) training covers units of knowledge and practical skills that are used when pilots are part of a multi-crew operation and is not specific to an aircraft type. This course is also suitable for pilots who want to gain an Airline Transport Licence (ATPL).

Duration:	16 weeks
Briefings:	25 hours
Simulator:	24 hours
Theory:	302 hours

AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)



Diamond DA40

The DA40 is the perfect aircraft for ab initio training. It has excellent low speed handling characteristics for the basic flying phase, offers increased situational awareness and safety by virtue of the Garmin 1000 aviation suite and Traffic Alert System.

It is an ideal learning platform to achieve a commercial pilot licence and provides an excellent introduction into instrument flying.

Entry Requirements

- CASA class 1 medical certificate.
- Successfully pass FTA - Queensland's selection program

If taller than 182cm, applicants may be required to complete a fit check.

Student Handbook

Refer to the Student Handbook for more information on:

- VET Student Loans
- Entry Procedures
- CASA Requirements
- FTAQ Accommodation
- Student obligations and rights



2026 Course fees

\$94,444*

For the full price breakdown, please see the applicable Schedule of Fees published to www.flyfta.com

**Price excludes accommodation*

Financial Support Available

- ✓ This course is eligible for a VET Student Loan from the Australian Government to assist students with paying tuition fees.
- i A VET student loan is a loan that gives rise to a VETSL debt that continues to be a debt due to the Commonwealth until it is repaid.
The maximum amount that can be loaned for this specific qualification is \$96,467.
VSL will not be approved for students who do not meet VSL eligibility requirements.



Units of Competency

Maintain aircraft radio communications • Implement aviation risk management processes • Implement aviation fatigue risk management processes • Implement threat and error management strategies • Manage safe flight operations • Manage aircraft passengers and cargo • Manage human factors in aviation operations • Plan a flight under visual flight rules • Licence to operate a commercial aeroplane • Manage disruptive behaviour and unlawful interference with aviation • Manage pre- and post-flight actions • Operate and manage aircraft systems • Operate aircraft using aircraft flight instruments • Operate in controlled airspace • Operate in Class G airspace • Operate at non-towered aerodromes • Operate at a controlled aerodrome • Apply aeronautical knowledge to aviation operations • Apply the principles of civil air law to aviation operations • Execute advanced aeroplane manoeuvres and procedures • Manage abnormal aeroplane flight situations • Control aeroplane on the ground • Take off aeroplane • Control aeroplane in normal flight • Land aeroplane • Manage aircraft fuel • Manage situational awareness in aircraft flight • Operate aircraft in the traffic pattern at night

AVI50519

Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)

Diamond DA42

The DA42 Twinstar is the aircraft of choice for FTA's multi-engine instrument flying phase. Its commonality with the DA40 cockpit allows for an enhanced learning experience in the IFR environment and the autopilot and glass cockpit functions are the ideal foundation for aspiring airline pilots. Ideal for students who want to further their aviation careers to become airline pilots or commercial pilots working in all types of conditions.



2026 Course fees

\$36,561*

For the full price breakdown, please see the applicable Schedule of Fees published to www.flyfta.com

**Price excludes accommodation*

Student Handbook

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Entry Requirements

- CASA class 1 medical certificate.
- CASA PPL or CPL
- Evidence of 50 hours cross country command

Financial Support Available

- ✓ This course is eligible for a VET Student Loan from the Australian Government to assist students with paying tuition fees.
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The maximum amount that can be loaned for this specific qualification is \$96,467.
VSL will not be approved for students who do not meet VSL eligibility requirements.



Units of Competency

Implement threat and error management strategies • Manage safe flight operations • Plan a flight under instrument flight rules • Navigate aircraft under instrument flight rules • Operate and manage aircraft systems • Operate aircraft using aircraft flight instruments • Conduct a 2D instrument approach • Perform instrument arrival and standard arrival route procedures • Operate aircraft in the traffic pattern at night • Perform non published instrument departure procedures • Perform published instrument departure procedures • Perform visual circling approach • Conduct a 3D instrument approach • Conduct a 2D global navigation satellite system non-precision instrument approach

AVI60219

Advanced Diploma of Aviation (Pilot in Command)



ATR42-500 Boeing 737 NG

Configured for a generic commercial narrow-body jet or turbo-prop aircraft, the Ascent XJ/XT trainer is used by FTA to train students for multi-crew operations and transition to jet/turbo-prop aircraft with a modern glass cockpit. Featuring TCAS, EGPWS, FMS and weather radar, the XJ/XT trainer's avionics suite will also aim to familiarise students with a highly automated flight deck, aided by an RSI Raster/xT Image Generator and 180x350 projected display.

Entry Requirements

- Commercial Pilot Licence
- Instrument Rating

MCC training is required whenever crew are piloting an aircraft in a multi-crew operation. The purpose is to ensure both the pilot-in-command and co-pilot are capable of operating effectively.

Student Handbook

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2026 Course fees

\$20,465*

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Units of Competency

AVIF0028 Manage aviation risk • AVIF0031 Manage threats and errors as pilot in command • AVIF0032 Manage human factors as pilot in command • AVIH0009 Manage aircraft flight planning and performance as pilot in command • AVIN0003 Command an aircraft in a multi-crew environment • AVIN0004 Supervise and manage safe flight operations as pilot in command • AVIO0016 Manage security procedures as pilot in command • AVIZ0002 Maintain and manage situational awareness as pilot in command

Financial Options

The qualifications offered at the Academy are self-funded and are invoiced and paid in accordance with the published schedule of fees. The Academy can accept up-front and mixed payments, as well as organise a payment plan for students electing to live onsite.

The VET Student Loans (VSL) program assists eligible students to pay tuition fees for approved higher-level (diploma and above) vocational education and training (VET) courses, when studying at VET Student Loans approved course providers. The program is designed to provide financial support to students undertaking higher level training in courses that address workplace and industry needs, creating better opportunities for employment.

A VET Student Loan is a loan that gives rise to a VETSL debt that continues to be a debt due to the Commonwealth until it is repaid. VET student loans will not be approved for students who do not meet eligibility requirements.

The limit for students studying medicine, dentistry and veterinary science courses leading to initial registration, or eligible aviation courses with census dates in 2026 is \$186,544.

You can find out if you are eligible to access a VET Student Loan, learn how to apply for the loan, and see the resources available to assist you in managing your loan in the VET Student Loans Information Booklet. For all of FTA's VSL procedures and processes, please refer to the student handbook.

VSL Information Booklet



Student Handbook



Centrelink



Australian Tax Office (ATO)



Available Scholarships

Qantas Group Scholarship

The Qantas Group is offering equity-based scholarships to support greater diversity in aviation. Applications are open now for Australian Citizens who identify as female or as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The scholarship is intended to provide on-site accommodation and meals for up to 55 weeks of training.

Support is provided on a monthly basis and credited to your student account.

Applicants must be accepted into an Academy course and meet minimum criteria. Scholarships are awarded based on responses to application questions and the presentation of a Curriculum Vitae may be part of the process.

FTA Queensland Scholarship

The FTA Queensland Accommodation Assistance Scholarship may be offered to students facing financial hardship or demonstrating strong performance and positive behaviours.

This scholarship is assessed after the first 31 weeks of training, based on:

- Academic and flying performance
- Punctuality and engagement
- Attitude and adherence to the Academy's code of conduct
- Behaviour during adversity

Partial or full awards may be granted, and eligibility ends if a student withdraws, is suspended, or does not complete later course phases such as IREX, MECIR, or MCC.

Check out our scholarship FAQ page for more info!



Career Pathways

General Aviation

Starting out in General Aviation offers a dynamic and hands-on entry into the industry. Graduates may find themselves flying charter services or supporting regional freight operations. It's an excellent way to build flight hours quickly while gaining exposure to a wide variety of aircraft types and operating environments.

General Aviation also helps expand your professional network, opening doors to future opportunities across the aviation sector.

If you would like to see more of our graduate pathways and outcomes, please visit our website:

Flight Instructor

Becoming a Flight Instructor is a rewarding way to deepen your understanding of aviation while helping others achieve their goals. It offers a structured routine ideal for those looking to refine their skills in a supportive setting.

FTA Queensland often recruits graduates into instructing roles, meaning you could begin your career right where you trained, surrounded by familiar systems, standards, and mentors.

Airline Pilot

Our graduates have a number of potential pathways available to them, including roles with airlines in Australia and Overseas.

Eligible graduates may be invited to join the Qantas Group's Accelerated Pathway: a streamlined recruitment process into available airline roles. This opportunity allows you to transition directly from training to a commercial airline career, gaining experience on larger aircraft with the support of the Qantas Group network.

To learn more about this pathway in action, turn the page to read about Angus and his journey to becoming a Q400 First Officer with QantasLink.



Alumni Highlight

Angus Crowe



What inspired you to pursue a career in aviation?

"Having both of my parents working in various aspects of aviation for the Qantas group, I was around aviation all of my life. Having had a 15-year career in construction, I knew it was time for a change in career and I was excited for the challenge of becoming a pilot, and especially in the short time that FTA Queensland offered."

Why did you choose the Qantas Group Pilot Academy?

"QGPA, having not only a great safety record but also a strong culture, offered an opportunity to join the Qantas Group directly. The use of the highly sophisticated and safe Diamond DA40 was a very welcome start in aviation."

What were your expectations going into flight training, and how did they compare to reality?

"Being an older student, I was most worried about re-learning to study, and thought with many years of experience operating machinery that flying the aircraft itself would not be very challenging."

Both of the assumptions were incorrect. The material provided by FTA was world-class along with help from fellow students from previous courses. As for flying the aircraft, as challenging as it was, my instructor was very supportive and helpful with briefings before the flights, maintaining a calm cockpit, and conducting thorough debriefs to go over lessons and any questions."

What advice would you give to someone just starting out in aviation?

"Don't be discouraged when it is harder than expected. The training is difficult, but so incredibly fulfilling. The sense of accomplishment is second to none. If something doesn't go as expected, spend some extra time studying it on the ground so that you have more bandwidth to concentrate on other parts of flying while in the air."

How did the academy support you in finding employment or building a network?

"The number of Qantas Group employees you will meet through the academy is quite large and many of these were the people I leaned on for help with the interview process."

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