



FLIGHT TRAINING ADELAIDE

RECOVERY. RESILIENCE. RENEWAL.

Rebuilding after the April 2026 aircraft accident
- with people, safety and long-term capability at
the centre of every decision.

SAFETY | QUALITY | CUSTOMER SERVICE

Recovery update - September 2026



STEP 1

PEOPLE FIRST

The April 2026 accident brought profound loss and disruption to FTA. Recovery could not begin with aircraft, schedules or capacity. It had to begin with people.

"The first measure of recovery was not how quickly we could fly again - it was how well we cared for our people."

Care and wellbeing. Staff and student wellbeing came first, recognising the loss of loved ones, colleagues and friends and the lasting impact on the FTA community.

Confidence before capacity. The return to operations was approached deliberately. Readiness, safety and confidence had to be restored before schedule pressure could be allowed to matter.

Strength through people. FTA's professional and dedicated staff carried the organisation through an extraordinary period and created the platform from which operational recovery became possible.



STEP 2

SAFETY BEFORE SPEED

A sustainable recovery meant reducing the risk of recurrence before rebuilding volume.

FTA strengthened its safety response around the risk of a similar un-lifed component failure. The aim was not simply to resume operations, but to do so with stronger controls and clearer confidence in the fleet and the operating environment.

01 UNDERSTAND THE RISK

Examine the failure, the lessons arising from it and the implications for the fleet, training and operational decision-making.

02 STRENGTHEN CONTROLS

Apply robust safety processes, engineering safeguards and operational controls designed to mitigate the risk of recurrence.

03 RETURN DELIBERATELY

Restore flying progressively, with safety and readiness setting the pace - not the pressure to recover lost capacity.

Recovery is only meaningful when it strengthens the organisation that emerges from it.

RESTORING CAPABILITY - AND RESOURCING FOR THE FUTURE



25%

OF THE FLEET

incapacitated after the
accident

85%

OPERATING CAPACITY

restored against mature
capacity

JAN 2027

FULL RESOURCING

target following replacement
orders

With a quarter of the fleet unavailable, the scale of the challenge was significant. FTA took immediate action to order replacement aircraft while its staff rebuilt daily operations around a materially reduced fleet.

Through disciplined planning, flexibility and determination, operations have returned to 85% of FTA's mature capacity. The replacement programme is intended to restore full resourcing by January 2027.



APR 2026

Accident & immediate response



2026

People care, safety controls &
phased recovery



NOW

85% mature capacity restored



JAN 2027

Target: fully resourced

WHAT THIS RECOVERY SAYS ABOUT FTA

A BRAND BUILT ON VALUES

FTA has built a global training brand around a simple mantra: Safety. Quality. Customer Service. The events of 2026 tested each of those commitments - and reinforced why they matter. In many respects, the accident was a black swan event: rare, deeply disruptive and far beyond normal experience. The scale of the loss and disruption would test the resilience of any organisation.

PEOPLE

Professional, dedicated staff who kept the organisation moving while supporting one another through profound loss.

VISION

Sound management direction that kept recovery focused on long-term safety and capability rather than short-term pressure.

SUPPORT

Unwavering support from an owner passionate about the business and customers who continued to place their trust in FTA.

THANK YOU

FTA thanks its loyal customers for their unwavering support during one of the most difficult periods in our history. Their confidence gave us the opportunity to recover responsibly and rebuild capability without compromising our standards.

85%

of mature training capacity has been restored despite the scale of the fleet loss.

FTA has not simply returned to operation. It has rebuilt with stronger focus, renewed capability and the same principles that established its reputation in the first place.

There is no substitute for caring for people, clear management vision and unwavering support from those who believe in the business.