

HOW TO GET AN AIRWORTHINESS RATING

GFA TRAINING COURSES.

Training courses are regularly held around the country for various ratings, the most common being courses for Replacement of Components and Annual Inspector. These typically either run for several days or are held over concurrent weekends. For members in remote clubs, state organisations usually offer to subsidise the costs to reach courses. To assist with keeping the time commitment and cost to a minimum, pre-reading of Basic Sailplane Engineering and other course material is required prior to attending the course. Homework questionnaires are part of the formal training to demonstrate adequate knowledge of the theory.

Training courses will be advertised in the Calendar on the Gliding Australia web site. If the time or location of these courses are unsuitable please contact your local RTO-A and advise your interest in a particular course. If there is sufficient interest in an area, a course may be arranged. An alternative is that a mentor may be found to help assist with the training instead of a formal course. Attendance at a course does not guarantee a rating. On occasion some further mentoring may be required depending on the individual.

MENTORING BY GFA MEMBERS WITH AN AIRWORTHINESS RATING.

This is popular with remote clubs where members may have difficulty attending formal training courses. Discuss this with the local RTO-A prior to starting the mentoring. Agree with the RTO-A on the scope of the rating you wish to achieve and who the mentor will be. The mentor can guide you through the course content and provide you with examples where you can practice your skills. Because this training is spread out over a considerable time, a log book of what has been carried out should be maintained. A good example is the Airworthiness Schedule of Experience which is available from the GFA Shop. When the mentor is satisfied, they provide a letter of recommendation and a copy or scan of the Airworthiness Schedule of Experience to the local RTO-A stating that you have completed the syllabus and recommending you for a rating. The RTO-A may then endorse you and issue a certificate with which you can upload with the rating on Go Membership. Alternatively the RTO-A may recommend some additional areas to cover.

RECOGNITION OF RATINGS FROM OUTSIDE OF GFA.

If you have existing skills or ratings from CASA, RAAus or other aviation organisations, then you can apply to the local RTO-A for the equivalent airworthiness in GFA. The RTO-A may then endorse you and issue a certificate with which you can upload with the rating on Go Membership. Some additional mentoring or homework may be required to ensure that the differences between airworthiness systems are understood, depending on the rating requested.



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