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INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT FLYING INSTRUCTORS: INSTRUCTION FOR RATINGS OUTSIDE OF REGISTERED FACILITIES AND APPROVED ORGANISATIONS

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	
Air Traffic:	
Airspace:	
Airworthiness:	
Flight Operations:	
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Flying Instructors; All Pilots; All Flying Training Organisations, Type Rating Training Organisations and Registered Facilities

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Information Notice concerns instructors who provide training for the issue or renewal of aircraft ratings independently of a Registered Facility (RF), Type Rating Training Organisation (TRTO), Flight Training Organisation (FTO) or Approved Training Organisation (ATO). Independent instructors who are instructing for aircraft ratings for EASA Part-FCL licences (including JAR-FCL licences that became Part-FCL licences with effect from 8 April 2012) must either obtain registration as a Registered Facility before 1 July 2012, or operate within a registered or approved organisation in order to continue with their current activities after that date.
- 1.2 Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 - the 'EASA Aircrew Regulation' - containing the new rules for pilot licensing, came into effect on 8 April 2012. As previously announced, the UK will be applying the requirements of Part-FCL and Part-ORA (Annexes I and VII within that regulation) with effect from 1 July 2012.

2. The effect of the EASA Aircrew Regulation on Instructors

- 2.1 The EASA Aircrew Regulation stipulates that training for Part-FCL licences and ratings must be carried out within an Approved Training Organisation; i.e. an organisation approved in accordance with Part-ORA. To allow time for transition to the new rules the regulation permits existing Registered Facilities, Type Rating Training Organisations, and Flying Training Organisations to continue with their current activities for a limited period; until 8 April 2015 for Registered Facilities and 8 April 2014 for FTOs and TRTOs. However, these transition arrangements apply only to organisations and not to individual instructors who are training outside of Registered Facilities, TRTOs and FTOs.

- 2.2 **Independent instructors who intend to provide training for the issue of or renewal of aircraft ratings for Part-FCL licences (including JAR-FCL licences that will be re-issued as Part-FCL licences) from 1 July 2012 onwards are advised that they MUST APPLY TO BE A REGISTERED FACILITY AND OBTAIN THAT REGISTRATION BEFORE 1 JULY 2012.** If they do not do so, they will only be able to provide such instruction within an already existing Registered Facility, TRTO, FTO or an Approved Training Organisation (approved under Part-ORA). No new Registered Facility registrations will be granted after 30 June 2012. Anyone intending to set up a flying club or school after that date must comply with the Part-ORA requirements for ATOs.
- 2.3 Information on how to apply to become a Registered Facility may be found in Standards Document 11 available at: www.caa.co.uk/fclstandards. The last date for acceptance of applications for registration is 31 May 2012 and further information on the transitional arrangements for Registered Facilities is contained in Information Notice IN-2012/026 available from the CAA website: www.caa.co.uk
- 2.4 It should be noted that the continuation of training within Registered Facilities is limited to the pre-existing activities of those organisations - i.e. training for the PPL with initial ratings and aeroplane class ratings. Before providing training for any other Part-FCL licence - such as the Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL) - a Registered Facility must become an ATO in compliance with Part-ORA and Part-FCL.

Any organisation intending to provide training for the Part-FCL PPL that was not a Registered Facility on 30 June 2012 must first become an ATO, with the approval to conduct the PPL course in full compliance with Part-ORA and Part-FCL, prior to commencing training.

3. Summary

- 3.1 Independent instructors who intend to continue to provide training after the 30 June 2012 for the issue or renewal of an aircraft rating in a Part-FCL licence (including any JAR-FCL licence that will be re-issued as a Part-FCL licence) must obtain registration as a Registered Facility before 30 June 2012. After that date all such training must be carried out within an RF, TRTO, FTO or ATO.

4. Queries

- 4.1 Any questions arising from this communication should be addressed to:
itsapprovals@caa.co.uk

5. Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 8 April 2013 unless cancelled.