

SECTION 2.09**FLIGHT CREW CERTIFICATE****SENIOR INSTRUCTOR RATING****REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUE**

1. An applicant for the issue of a Senior Instructor Rating shall, unless approved in writing by the Operations Manager with the written agreement of CASA:
 - a. be the holder of a valid RA-Aus Pilot Certificate, endorsed with an Instructor Rating or hold an equivalent rating which is acceptable to the RA-Aus; and
 - (1) have passed the CASA recognised private pilot licence examination/s, or
 - (2) have passed examinations considered by the Operations Manager to be at least equivalent to Australian private pilot licence examinations for other than Group A (3 axis) aeroplanes: or
 - (3) have passed examinations set by the Operations Manager that is deemed an RA-Aus equivalent of the CASA private pilot licence theory examination/s.
 - (4) have satisfactorily completed an RA-Aus recognised Principles and Methods of Instruction (PMI) Course.
 - b. have attained the age of 18 years;
 - c. forward to the RA-Aus a medical certificate indicating that they are medically fit to an equivalent standard to that required for the issue of a Private Pilot Licence in Australia, or the RA-Aus recognised equivalent.
 - d. have completed a minimum of 50 hours in-flight instructional duties as an Instructor;
 - e. satisfied their CFI that they are capable of carrying out the duties of a Senior Instructor; and
 - f. demonstrate to their CFI their ability on at least 3 separate occasions to train and correctly assess a Student's readiness prior to satisfactory completion of the first solo flight.. (Pilots holding Senior Instructor ratings on sailplanes or aircraft other than recreational aircraft may be exempted from this requirement.)

NOTE: The level of competency required is to be able to give ground lessons, pre-flight and post-flight briefings on any or all parts of the Flight Training Syllabus, with a first attempt accuracy of 90 percent. To be able to accurately explain all aspects of the syllabus, with explanations adjusted to suit the individual, and demonstrate an ability to assess a Student's understanding of syllabus subjects.

AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE

2. Prior to undertaking an assessment for upgrading their Instructor Rating to a Senior Instructor Rating a candidate:
 - a. shall have not less than 100 hours flying experience, of which a minimum of 50 hours must have been accumulated on in-flight instructional duties in a recreational aircraft ; or
 - b. if having previous experience as flight instructor in sailplanes or aeroplanes other than recreational aircraft , the candidate shall have:
 - (1) a minimum of 200 hours flying experience of which a minimum of 50 hours must have been accumulated on in-flight instructional duties; and
 - (2) must have completed at least 25 hours of in-flight instructional duties on recreational aircraft; or
 - (3) in the case of a sailplane instructor a minimum of 10 hours dual in-flight ultralight training with a CFI approved for the purpose by the Operations Manager.
 - c. if having previous experience as a Chief Flying Instructor in sailplanes or aeroplanes other than recreational aircraft , the candidate shall have:
 - (1) a minimum of 300 hours of in-flight experience as a flight instructor; and
 - (2) must have completed a minimum of 10 hours as pilot in command of a recreational aircraft and comply with Section 2.12 Paragraph 2 of this Manual.
 - (3) in the case of a sailplane CFI, a minimum of 10 hours dual in-flight, training in a recreational aircraft with a CFI approved for the purpose by the Operations Manager.
 - d. The minimum of 25 hours as an instructor in recreational aircraft, specified in Paragraph 2.b.(2) of this Section, may be reduced to no less than 10 hours by the Operations Manager at his absolute discretion. Should the Operations Manager approve a reduction in hours the Senior Instructor will be limited, by a written directive, to a specific type or types of recreational aircraft that may be operated.
 - e. Senior Instructor's that wish to supply RA-Aus human factors training as per RA-Aus Pilot Certificate syllabus requirements will be required to have completed the RA-Aus Human Factors Instructor Syllabus or RA-Aus recognised equivalent.

PRIVILEGES

3. A Senior Instructor Rating authorises the holder to:

- a. give ground and in-flight instruction to RA-Aus Student Pilots; and
- b. authorise the undertaking of first and subsequent solo flights by RA-Aus Student Pilots, but only after initial authorisation to do so by their CFI.
- c. conduct endorsement training, test and recommended issue, in accordance with Section 2.05 of this manual providing they themselves hold the endorsement and have acquired 10 hours in command utilising that endorsement and at the discretion of the CFI,
- d. conduct Biennial pilot certificate checks for pilots that are not the holders of an instructor rating.
- e. with the Operations Manager's written approval, conduct instructor training in conjunction with an approved course.

LIMITATIONS

4. The holder of a Senior Instructor Rating shall:
 - a. conduct ground and in-flight instruction for the issue of a pilot certificate, under the direction of a CFI;
 - b. not conduct in-flight instruction unless they have, during the last 12 months passed a satisfactory flight check with a CFI or Pilot Examiner; and
 - c. not carry students in a recreational aircraft unless they have:
 - (1) a minimum 5 hours in command flight experience on an aircraft of the same group and of a similar aircraft type endorsement; and
 - (2) during the last 90 days accrued a minimum of 1 hour in command flight experience on an aircraft of a similar aircraft type as that to be used for the carriage of passengers or students.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

5. Unless cancelled, suspended or extended by the Operations Manager a Senior Instructor Rating shall remain valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue or renewal. The Operations Manager may give one extension of no more than 90 days.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

6. An applicant for the renewal of a Senior Instructor Rating shall:
 - a. within the 90 days prior to the expiry date of their rating submit to a check flight with an approved RA-Aus examiner and successfully demonstrate their competency and instructional ability; and

- b. forward a renewal application, photocopy of medical certificate and the appropriate fee to reach the RA-Aus office at least 7 days prior to the expiry date of the certificate.
- c. Failure to renew a Senior Instructor Rating by the due date means the rating is no longer valid and the holder may not exercise the privileges of the Rating until it is renewed
- d. Have passed an RA-Aus recognised Principles and Methods of Instruction (PMI) examination.
- e. Where a Senior Instructor is located in a remote area where access to an RA-Aus examiner is difficult, the foregoing notwithstanding, the Operations Manager may approve in writing an alternative source of examination.