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# CONVERSION OF OVERSEAS ICAO ATPL TO AUSTRALIAN ATPL.



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## The Theory Part

Below is a briefing that sets out the unique course I provide to address the theory components of your conversion. This course is the same as traditionally used by Australian airlines when hiring/converting overseas pilots. The course is online based, and is tailored to your purposes. I can prepare you for the theory element (study overseas).

Cost (see following details) is Aust \$1089.00 if payment is by bank transfer, or \$1133 if payment is by Paypal using your credit card, including the Meteorology subject component that makes up the Composite ATPL conversion exam (CASA exam code AOSA). Also included are links for you to directly download the four theory E-books that support the online material.

## Course Access Limit

Your online conversion course access lasts for 2 years from the date of enrolment. Thereafter a re-enrol is required, attracting a fee of Aust \$100. Most pilots finish the course/pass the exams in a matter of a few months.

## The Theory Exams (3)

Unlike some overseas countries including EASA, CASA does not expect you to pass all ATPL subject exams. Rather they credit you with many ICAO passes, and only expect you to pass 3 exams – see below...

- AOSA Composite Exam (AOSA) = 3 hrs/Minimum overall score 80%/Includes examination questions on Meteorology + CPL LAW + ATPL Law. Individual topic passes are not assessed, only the total % score.
- ATPL Human Factors (AHUF) = 1.25 hrs 70%
- IFR Law theory exam (IREX) = 3.5 hrs/Min score 70%.

### **NOTE:**

*The three theory exams above need to be passed within a two year window of attempting the first exam. Thereafter they remain yours permanently (frozen). Any existing exam subject credit will need to be sat again if you have not passed all three exams within the 2 year rolling window, so get them all passed within 2 years.*

### **NOT included in my "theory only course" costs are:**

- The cost of the 4 four study E-texts, available online directly from the authors of those texts, thereby saving you delays, and big \$\$ in postage charges. At time of writing these collectively cost Aust \$347.50. When you enrol, you get a briefing with the links to the websites, so you can download these directly to your computer. They are essential to your training. You read certain chapters, and then go to the online ATPL conversion course I provide to attempt the cyber-quiz as appropriate for that chapter (multiple attempts are allowed. The E-books remain your property thereafter. It is especially important that you hold on to the IREX

(IFR Law) book, as any question topics in the IREX exam that you answered incorrectly, will be asked at your flight test by your testing officer. So use your IREX E-book for pre-flight test reference here.

- The CASA exam fees (on average about \$190 per exam). The CASA exams can be sat at a large number of CASA exam venues nationwide.
- MCC course (if applicable)/Flight/sim training/ATPL Flight test.
- CASA conversion charges (minimal at present)
- Accommodation.
- Flights to/from Australia.
- Transport within Australia during your stay.
- Medical testing fees.
- The cost of supporting CASA manuals such as AIP, and App/Dep plates, charts, reg's etc. These cost about Aust \$800, though you can leave buying these until you get to Aust as weight is about 30 kg and freight cost is about Aust \$400 extra. On course I point you to online free versions of these, and advice on how to save money in this regard. You can do all your study overseas, as there are no in-class sessions involved, or required !

## References from some Previous Conversion Students

*July 2011*

*"G'day Rob,*

*Just a quick note to let you know I passed the ATPL Air Law exam. 97% and I was done in 30 mins, although I re checked every answer again before submitting.*

*All in all mate bloody brilliant package, I will send anyone wanting to do the ATPL your way. I was very confident going into the exam and pretty much answered everything without needing to reference."*

*Sacha G*

26-3-12

Hi Rob

Just to let you know that I have finished my four conversion exams. I found your material to be invaluable, particularly for the IREX (managed to scrape 93% so pretty chuffed there). Let me take this opportunity to say a big thank you.

Ken K

29-11-12

Very happy with the course Rob. I found your initial explanation on how to go about getting everything sorted incredibly useful and I am sure that the info you provided me was the only thing that allowed me to complete everything in the 15 days I actually had in Australia. Would recommend to anyone!

Now for the tough part. All those CASA forms!

Thanks again,

Jenn S

4-5-10

**Yep all good Rob, got through all the exams first go. Been at Jetstar for a little over 6 months. Settling down ok, albeit working too hard out of Sydney.**

**The course was spot on !**

**Cheers**

**David H**

28-4-10

Hi Rob, Thanks for the heads up. Your notes and guidance were great. I passed all the subjects first time. I wrote them in May 2009.

Irex	85%
Comm Law	85%
ATP Law	97%

Thanks and regards

Chris E

4-5-2018

Hi Rob,

I had to resit ALAW couple of days ago due to expired exam. I purchased your ATPL Law course and it was SMACK on the money (The Silver Bullet as advertised)!! Couldn't have been more helpful. Ended up only getting 2 questions wrong in the entire exam. I was hoping for a clean score, but for the regs, which gave me a grey answer on 2 of the questions.

Cheers

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## **The Flight Test Part**

This is outside of what I can assist you with directly, as I run a theory school, not a flight school. There is a specific single ATPL flight test, which has to be done in a multi-engine turbine powered aircraft, or approved sim, and tests multi-crew coordination (MCC) and IFR procedures/flying standards. You can do this with a CASA approved testing officer (ATO), or other approved person employed by the CASR Part 142 aircraft/sim operator on-board. This aircraft must have an approved multi-pilot flight manual.

e.g. A King Air with multi-pilot operations written in its operating manual I am told would suffice.

Alternatively this test could be done in an approved simulator (e.g. b737 or A320 etc) with a CASA (ATO), or other approved person employed by the aircraft/sim operator on board. You would need to contact an Australian based simulator centre about this. See Ansett Sims below. They are a CASA CASR Part 142 training organization.

### **ATPL Flight Test or CASA IFR RENEWALS**

A CASA FOI is not required on board for "RENEWAL" of an IFR rating if you hold or have previously held (expired) CASA issued Australian multi-engine instrument rating. Get on to Ansett Aviation Training of Melbourne, Victoria. Website:

[www.ansettaviationtraining.com](http://www.ansettaviationtraining.com)

[50 Garden Drive Tullamarine VIC 3043 Australia](http://www.ansettaviationtraining.com)

[tel: +61 3 9373 8088](tel:+61393738088)

[fax: +61 3 9373 8011](tel:+61393738011)

**Best contact:**

**Grace Calcagno (Customer Care) as a first point of contact. She will assist you greatly thereafter with IFR renewals, or the ATPL check—ride.**

**Email ...**

[gcalcagno@ansettaviationtraining.com](mailto:gcalcagno@ansettaviationtraining.com)

Ask about likely cost before committing to this theory course, and advise Ansett if CASA will likely not require you to undertake an MCC course first, as you have significant multi-crew flight experience – see item below about MCC course.

The organisation you elect to do the ATPL flight test with must first approve you (sign you off) for the flight test. To do this they must first present to you a multi-crew coordination (MCC) course that is CASA approved. Most if not all simulator companies would have such a course already at hand. Exceptions – see below.

*Note: CASA advise that if you have significant flight time in a multi-crew environment, then you may not be required to undertake the MCC course. Dispensations on the MCC requirement are done by CASA on a case by case basis.*

### **Other Option**

You may wish to avert the cost of the ATPL flight test, by waiting until you are employed by an Australian airline. They will have you sit the ATPL flight test syllabus/MCC as part of their simulator check. Airlines in Australia are CAR217 operations, whereby they have their own in-house checking and training system, and their own CASA approved testing officers (ATO).

### **Medicals**

You can sit the CASA medicals overseas. Guidance is given on this and other issues once enrolled.

A VFR CPL type flight test currently not required, provided you put in the required paperwork - I give guidance on this when you are enrolled on course.

Let me know if you wish to enrol or require further info and I will be happy to assist further. I will need your postal and contact details including a phone number and preferred email address.

### **Aircraft Endorsement Conversion**

You can get your current ICAO endorsements crossed over - I gather this is a quite simple process and does not involve a flight test in that aircraft type. You would need to confirm this with CASA FCL directly though.

### **When can I start studying?**

If you want to start studying straight away (time being an issue), I can get you access to the online sections while you organise the four E-books from the links I send you once enrolled. So you could start in 24 hrs. There are no in-class lectures required. It is rare that a student of mine ever has to re-sit a CASA exam given the extent of the training/guidance I provide on-course. It is very comprehensive and structured.

### **Study time:**

- Allow 45 hours for CPL Law studies including the online assignments and practice exams.
- Allow 50 hours for IFR Law (IREX) studies including the online assignments and practice exams.
- Allow 40 hours for ATPL Law studies including the online assignments and practice exams.
- Allow 50 hours for Human Factors study including the online assignments and practice exams.
- Allow 35 hours for Meteorology study including the online training E-files, assignments and practice exams.

**NOTE:** Unlike the FAA, CASA do not publish their question database, but over the years we know what they concentrate on, and I focus you on this. Refer to student references above.

### **CASA Paperwork**

To smooth and speed things up, I assist you with guidance as to the forms CASA require to smooth and speed things up. You must lodge these forms and liaise with CASA directly though on this thereafter.

### **English Proficiency Check**

You would need to contact CASA about whether your current ICAO English certificate is acceptable to them. Minimum of Level 4 required.

### **Theory Course Cost**

Aust \$1089.00 if payment is by bank transfer, or \$1133 if payment is by Paypal

**So to pay for the online ATPL conversion theory course you can either:**

1. I do not take credit card directly, but you can use a credit card via the secure **Paypal system**. In this case I would need to send you a Paypal "money request". There is a small **Paypal** service fee additive of 4% = course **cost of Aust\$1133.00**.

**OR...**

2. transfer money by inter-bank transfer. In this last case my banking details are as follows ...

Bank: ANZ

Branch: Bassendean, Western Australia

Account name: Robert Avery, trading as AV-FACTS

Branch BSB: 016-255

Account number: 3511 – 86185

Swift code: ANZBAU3M

**Cost of Aust\$1089.00.**

Let me know which method you prefer and I can get the ball rolling promptly for you.

NOTE: The above reflects my personal understanding at this time but as I have no control over the processes I cannot be held responsible for the guidance given above. It is given in good faith only as a courtesy to you as a fellow professional pilot.

**CASA OVESEAS ATPL CONVERSION INFO WEBSITES**

<https://www.casa.gov.au/manuals-and-forms/standard-page/flight-crew-licensing-procedures-manual>

And ...

<https://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/converting-overseas-licences>

And ...

[www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/overseas-licence-conversion-examinations](http://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/overseas-licence-conversion-examinations)

**A FINAL WORD TO THE WISE**

Please confirm you meet any entry visa requirements especially regards your age. Best do so through the Aust Immigration Department website.

[www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas/migration-to-australia](http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/immigration-and-visas/migration-to-australia)

You might wish to source base information from ...

<http://visacorp.com.au/australian-skilled-visas.html>

Having read all above get back to me with any residual questions, or to enrol.

Best regards  
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