



# RAAF AMBERLEY FLYING CLUB

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## Information Sheet

### Introduction

1. The RAAF Amberley Flying Club (RAFC) is a Defence welfare club operating under the provisions of DI(AF) ADMIN 12-13. The club was formed over twenty years ago by a group of Air Force personnel who shared a common interest in recreational flying. The club is a non-profit organisation and aims to encourage an interest in aviation by providing affordable flying and flying training for its members in a relaxed social environment. The RAFC caters for licensed pilots, those interested in learning to fly and those just interested in mixing with people who love flying. The club is run by a dedicated team of volunteers, who donate their time to ensure the club operates smoothly.



### Location

2. The club operates most weekends from building 254 Aviation St, RAAF Base Amberley QLD.

Postal address: RAAF Amberley Flying Club  
PO Box 21  
RAAF Base Amberley  
QLD, 4306

Telephone: 07 536 12207 (flying days only)

Website: <http://rafc.aeroclub.com.au/>

### Contacts

3. If you'd like to know more, visit or organise a flight with the club please contact a member of the committee in the first instance. Details of the committee are available on the club website.

### Membership

4. Membership to the club is limited to Australian Defence Force (ADF) members, cadets and civilians employed by the ADF (and in some cases their dependants). The club exists to support the morale of defence members by providing competitively priced services but not to undercut legitimate local business. The membership application form is available on our website and includes more information on who is eligible to join. To ensure club records remain up to date ideally a new membership application form is resubmitted each year.

## Membership fees

5. The club membership fee is \$50 per year paid at a pro rata rate from January each year. Membership fees can be paid by checks made out to the RAAF Amberley Flying Club or by direct funds transfer into the club account BSB: 803 205, Acct No: 20518783 (please include your name).

6. Personnel eligible for membership may commence flying training whilst their applications are processed but cannot fly as pilot in command.

## Flying training

7. All flying training is conducted under the auspices of the Air Operators Certificate of the 2 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets School of Aviation. Club instructors come from diverse civil and military backgrounds and bring with them a wealth of experience. The club conducts flying training from beginner right through to Private Pilot Licence.

## Trial Instructional Flights

8. If you have no previous flying experience a Trial Instructional Flight (TIF) is a good first step. A TIF is a half hour flight taken with a licensed instructor who will give you some pointers and let you fly the aircraft. Being able to experience the effects of flight directly will give you a better idea of whether flying is for you, allowing you to be confident in your decision before committing yourself financially. It also gives you the chance to check out the Club, its aircraft and instructors.



9. As well as club members, anyone eligible for membership can undertake a TIF which makes them a great gift idea.

## Stages of Flight Training

10. **Student Pilot Licence.** Student pilots may undertake dual flying training without holding a Student Pilot Licence (SPL). However, a student cannot fly solo until they have:

- a. Completed a CASA Aviation medical (minimum class 2). More information on getting an aviation medical can be found on the CASA website <http://www.casa.gov.au/>
- b. Received an Aviation Reference Number (ARN) by completing a Form 1162 from the CASA website <http://www.casa.gov.au/>
- c. Applied for an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) or Aviation Identification (AVID).
  - (1) **ASIC.** An ASIC is required to have access to security controlled air ports such as Archerfield. ASIC Applications can be made through <http://www.aviationidaustralia.net.au/casaapplication.html>
  - (2) **AVID.** An AVID is the minimum security identification required in aviation. Applications are made using Form 499 from the CASA website.

More information on getting an ASIC or AVID can be found at the CASA website <http://www.casa.gov.au/>.

- d. Received a Student Pilot Licence through the flying schools' Chief Flying Instructor using Form 497 available from the CASA website <http://www.casa.gov.au/>

11. **First Solo.** Going solo is the first big achievement for a student pilot. The first solo flight will involve practising take-offs and landings, and general flying within the airport circuit. This is basically a consolidation of everything that you have learned to date, such as operation and effect of controls, straight and level flying, climbing and descending, turning and stalling. Most students are ready to attempt their first solo after reaching 10-15 hours. Before you can do so, though, you must:

- a. be assessed as competent for first solo;
- b. pass an examination on basic flight and safety procedures;
- c. be a member of the Club; and
- d. read, understood and signed the Club Standard Operating Procedures.

12. **First Area Solo.** The first area solo is the first time the student is allowed to fly alone outside the immediate confines of the airfield, but within the designated local training area. Prior to undertaking the first area solo a student pilot must:

- a. have completed first solo and have 2 hours in command in the circuit;
- b. pass a written exam set by the flying school; and
- c. be assessed as competent for first area solo.

13. **General Flying Progress Test.** The GFPT allows a student pilot to carry passengers within the local training area. Prior to qualifying for the GFPT a student must:

- a. have 20 hours total flight time (including 5 hours solo and 2 hours instrument flying);
- b. pass the Basic Aeronautical Knowledge (BAK) written exam set by the flying school; and
- c. pass the GFPT flight test.

14. **Private Pilot Licence.** The Private Pilot Licence (PPL) allows you to fly any aeroplane, for which you are qualified, anywhere within Australia. To gain the PPL the student pilot must meet the following training requirements and minimum aeronautical experience:

- a. have 40 hours total flight time which includes:
  - (1) 5 hours general flight time as pilot in command;
  - (2) 5 hours cross country flight time as pilot in command;
  - (3) 2 hours instrument flying;

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- b. pass the PPL written examination; and
- c. pass the PPL flight test.

15. **Theory Lessons.** Prior to each lesson RAFC instructors will provide a 15-20 minute pre flight brief which will cover the sequences to be flown on the training flight.

16. Because of resource limitations specific theory training is generally not conducted by the RAFC. Students are encouraged to do their own study using flight training theory publications or make arrangements through their instructor. Recommended flight theory publications include:

- a. Aviation Theory Centre's Student Pilot Kit; or
- b. Bob Tait's Basic Aeronautical Knowledge and PPL books.

### **Private Flying**

17. Any club member who holds a Private Pilot or higher licence may hire Club aircraft for their own use. Prior to acting as Pilot in Command, members are expected to have undergone a check and familiarisation flight with a club instructor and be current on the aircraft type.

### **Conclusion**

18. The RAFC is a small yet professional organisation which strives to maintain the friendly 'club' feel for all its members. For further information about the club feel free to contact a member of the committee.