

Becoming a Coach

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Pilot Coaching Scheme

The Pilot Coaching Scheme has been training LAA members for over twenty years now. In recognising that proper training was not available for members with aircraft types which the LAA oversee, the Pilot Coaching Scheme (PCS) was created. The PCS now covers the whole of the UK with a network of approximately 50 coaches, who are dedicated to providing quality instruction to our members at minimal outlay. That is not to say the service is provided free, but coaches receive a moderate allowance for expenses incurred, through an exemption provided by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Courses provided by coaches include type conversion, tailwheel conversion, strip flying, diplomas, differences training, refresher training, and the 'one hour with an instructor' required for class rating revalidation. All coaches, upon appointment, are also nominated as Revalidation Examiners, and may then sign pilot licenses, becoming a 'one-stop shop' for Class Rating revalidation.

Application

Prior to application, consideration should be given to the time you have available to provide coaching, and how far you are prepared to travel to provide assistance to your fellow members. The reward for coaches lies not in remuneration but in the satisfaction you get from assisting those in need of coaching.

Whilst the following are not minimum requirements, they should be considered as a guide to the experience expected of applicants:

- ✓ Current LAA member
- ✓ Hold a current CAA or EASA pilot licence and valid EASA Medical Certificate
- ✓ Hold a current Flight Instructor or Class Rating Instructor rating*
- ✓ Own or have owned an LAA aircraft
- ✓ Significant experience on LAA types including experience of tailwheel, CS prop and turbo chargers.
- ✓ Approximately 1,000 hours Pilot-In-Command of SEP aircraft

For those who meet all of the other experience requirements, and are without a current Instructor Rating, the LAA can suggest an Approved Training Organisation who can provide a Class Rating Instructor course.

Maintenance of the CRI or FI rating is the responsibility of the Coach.

If you have the required experience, and would like to apply to become a coach, in the first instance contact the National Coach to request an application form via the e-mail address coaching@laa.uk.com

Thank you for your interest in becoming a LAA Coach.