



NOTICE TO COACHES NTC 01/14

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IFR Training

You may already be aware that significant headway is being made towards LAA aircraft being allowed to fly in IMC and IFR. Since the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme has a wide range of experience amongst our coaches, I would like to ensure that we have sufficient provision within the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme to support our members when this change occurs.

1. **Existing IRI and FI with IR privileges**

- 1.1 Category 5 privileges have been added to the coach list which relates to instructing and examining privileges: A – IMC/IR(R) instructor, B – IR instructor, C – IMC/IR(R) examiner, D – IR examiner.
- 1.2 All LAA Coaches with existing IRI or FI with IR privileges are asked to e-mail coaching @ laa.uk.com to ensure that this is recorded at LAA Head Office and the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme webpage.
- 1.3 Instructors must also hold a current single-pilot IR or IMC Rating (called a IR(R) on EASA licences) in order to conduct training towards an IR(R) or IR for initial issue, renewal and revalidation.
- 1.3 For those not in current practise, consideration will be given to providing training and testing to achieve good UK coverage of IMC and IR coaches.

2. **IRI and FI/IRI Courses**

- 2.1 Limited provision will be made for LAA Coaches not qualified as IRI or FI/IRI to complete an in-house EASA compliant course and Assessment of Competence for issue of an IRI certificate or addition of FI/IRI privileges.
- 2.2 Applicants will be responsible for the cost of aircraft hire during the course and cost of the Assessment of Competence with an external examiner.
- 2.3 Prior to application, please check that you meet EASA requirements for the issue of a IRI or FI/IRI certificate at FCL.915.IRI or FCL.905.FI(g). It is expected that any applicant will already have reasonable experience and knowledge of the General Aviation IFR environment.
- 2.4 Applicants must also hold a current single-pilot IR or IR(R) rating. Training and testing towards renewal of these ratings is also available.

Summary

We are looking forward to providing IFR training as an additional service thereby supporting LAA members in their aspirations to become safe and proficient IFR pilots.

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