



Operations Directive

No. 02/20

Flight Reviews

Purpose

GFA Operational Regulation 3.3.5 states: *"A solo pilot shall undergo an annual competency check (Annual Flight Review) in accordance with the GFA Instructors Handbook."*

This Operations Directive is issued to extend the frequency of a flight review for any pilot exercising command flying privileges up to a maximum of 24 months, and to replace the guidance in the December 2001 issue of the [GFA Instructors Handbook \(Part 2\)](#), at pages 94 to 98 under the heading 'Guide for Annual Flight Checks' with the guidance in Operations Advice Notice (OAN) 01/20 'Flight Reviews'.

Background

The flight review must be seen in the context of a broader aviation safety philosophy. The flight review is one process that contributes to continuing pilot proficiency and consequently the safety of flight. It provides an opportunity for a pilot to receive training that refreshes their flying skills and operational knowledge. Pilots undertake flight reviews to ensure they continue to be competent flying particular types of aircraft or exercising the privileges of their operational ratings.

In July 2019, as part of its ongoing commitment for continuous improvement, the GFA Operations Panel consulted on a proposal to extend the Flight Review period to a maximum of 24 months. The proposal also included updated guidance on the conduct of the Flight Review.

The overwhelming majority of respondents were in favour of the proposal and associated guidance, and this document describes the changes arising from the consultation process.

Changed Requirements

From the commencement date of this Operations Directive:

- the maximum period between flight reviews will be 24 months; and
- flight reviews will be conducted in accordance with OAN 01/20.

The Manual of Standard Procedures Part 2 (Operations) will be updated at Sections 10.4 and 11.3.4 to reflect this changed process.

Duration

This Directive:

- (a) commences 3 August 2020; and
- (b) cancels upon inclusion of these changes into the GFA Operational Regulations (or Civil Aviation Safety Regulations).



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