



Operations Directive

No. 03/22

Authorisation of First Solo

Background

The Part 103 Manual of Standards that is due to be introduced within the next 12 months (or earlier) will require trainee pilots (i.e. pilots who do not hold a Glider Pilot Certificate), to be authorised for solo flight by logbook endorsement. The trainee pilot will not be permitted to conduct a solo training flight unless the flying instructor has entered an endorsement in the pilot's logbook.

In addition to the above, a number of CFIs have requested clarification on when a newly solo pilot's first flight review in accordance with [Operations Advice Notice \(OAN\) 01/20](#) is to be conducted. This Directive also addresses this issue.

Changed Requirements


This Operations Directive introduces a combined 'First Solo / Flight Review' endorsement to be issued to suitably trained and qualified pilots immediately prior to their first solo flight.

The trainee will still be subject to periodical check flights in accordance with Club policies or at the supervising instructor's discretion, but the issuing instructor will record on the endorsement the month/year that the trainee pilot will be required to have their first Flight Review conducted in accordance with OAN 01/20.

The issuing instructor shall set the next flight review due date in accordance with the guidelines in OAN 01/20 or as directed by the Club's training panel, but for a period no longer than 24 months from first solo.

Requirements for initial issue

- The trainee pilot must have been assessed as competent for first solo in accordance with GPC Unit 26; and
- The trainee pilot must hold a Flight Radiotelephone authority in the prescribed format; and
- The pilot must be trained and competent to operate safely in the airspace to be flown; and
- The trainee pilot's logbook shall be endorsed in the following format before first solo flight:

FIRST SOLO ENDORSEMENT / FLIGHT REVIEW				
This is to certify that		Member Number		
	has demonstrated competency in accordance with GPC Unit 26 and is authorised to fly solo subject to periodical check flights at the supervising instructor's discretion. The pilot's next Flight Review (FR) in accordance with GFA OAN 01/20 is due as noted hereunder.			
	Instructor Name			
	Member Number		Level	
	Signature		Date	
	Club		FR Due	

Logbook Sticker

The logbook sticker template can be downloaded from the GFA Forms Library at [THIS LINK](#).

Member Profile Management

The trainee pilot must enter a "Flight Review" credential on their membership profile and upload a copy of their logbook endorsement. The Flight review expiry date will be the end of the month and year recorded on the endorsement.

Duration

This Directive:

- (a) commences on 1 September 2022; and
- (b) expires upon CASA's approval of the GFA's Part 149 Exposition.



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