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Operations Advice Notice

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Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC) revalidation dates

Background: The Gliding Australia (GAus) National Operations Panel has reviewed and updated the FIRC syllabus. FIRCs were on hold while doing this exercise. The refresh dates in the JustGo system have not been adjusted.

Plan forward: The Regional Manager Operations (RMO) for each state has a list of Instructors and current FIRC status. Each RMO is working with clubs to develop plans for FIRCs to be completed. This has been complicated with the Pawnee and current fuel shortage situations.

Existing FIRCs that have not expired are valid.

New FIRCs issued in the upcoming refresh courses will be valid going forward.

An expired FIRC does not stop an Instructor from operating till further notice. The instructor must make sure they are registered for upcoming FIRC training with their RMO.

FIRC status will be assessed after the RMO plans are finalised. Any instructors not registered for planned FIRC events or FIRC activities will be encouraged and counselled before instructor ratings are suspended.

Action: This email is sent to RMOs, CFIs and DCFIs. Please ensure the OAN is sent to your club instructors.

Regards

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