

# GET YOUR CAREER OFF TO A FLYING START AT



## THE REDCLIFFE AERO CLUB

The decision on where to undertake your flight training to become a Professional Pilot is critical in ensuring that your training is not only successful but equips you for entry into the aviation industry.

Redcliffe Aero Club was originally established in 1969 and is soon to enter its 55<sup>th</sup> year of delivering quality flight training, we understand what it takes to create industry-ready professional pilots. Many of our successful graduates' work for airlines around the world, given our extensive history of training some of our graduates reached the highest level that can be attained, a Senior Training and Checking Captain, and are now retired!

Redcliffe Aero Club (RAC) doesn't just train Pilots for the real world, we actively operate in the real world of commercial aviation undertaking air transport operations and survey flying across Australia. RAC has the unusual distinction of conducting operations overseas, successfully conducted survey operations in New Zealand in our Cessna 310 aircraft for three years. RAC is also sought after by overseas flight training organisations; we have been providing the flight training component for courses offered by the Hong Kong Flight Training Centre since 2010.

Training at Redcliffe Aero Club gives students the significant advantage of small class numbers, each student has an individualised training plan and no student is left behind. The RAC courses offer flexibility to meet all needs and offer multiple pathways to entry. This is supported by the strong RAC culture of support and mutual respect; each student is important, and their progress is monitored and supported through every phase of training ensuring that they achieve the best possible outcomes. This coupled with training in aircraft, which are widely used for air transport and aerial work operations in industry ensures that our graduates are well prepared to achieve success in their career.

Additionally training at Redcliffe Aero Club provides students with many other advantages including:

- RAC is a not-for-profit business owned by the members. This means that unlike a private company all profits are reinvested into the business – providing our students and members with new aircraft and facilities. RAC boasts a young fleet most fitted with state-of-the-art glass cockpit avionics and has a continual program of fleet renewal and refurbishment. *One recent example is an avionics upgrade to one of our training aircraft VH-RAQ at a cost of over \$150,000.*
- All students are members of the Club, meaning that you are part of the top tier of our organisational structure and therefore our highest priority.
- Redcliffe Airport is ideally suited to flight training operations, located in uncontrolled airspace known as Class G airspace which means no Air Traffic Control (ATC) delays impact training operations whilst having the advantage of being close to the complex airspace of Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and the military control zones of Amberley and Oakey. This provides an ideal training ground for students with a range of controlled and uncontrolled airspace easily accessible. In fact, every class of airspace in Australia is available within a 30-minute flight of Redcliffe.
- Operations at Redcliffe airport do not incur landing fees, saving considerable costs for our students. Additionally, the location of our clubhouse is in close proximity to the runway, so no aircraft time is wasted with lengthy taxis before take-off.
- Redcliffe airport is in easy proximity to the greater Brisbane, Caboolture, and Sunshine Coast areas. The airport is a short distance from the motorways north and south, making for easy commutes for staff and students.
- The Philosophy of the CEO and Board of Directors is to provide our members with Quality Aircraft, Quality Facilities and Quality People which ensures we deliver high calibre graduates who are industry ready for success.

## Our Fleet



Redcliffe Aero Club primarily uses Cessna aircraft. Training is undertaken in the C172, and C182 for commercial training. The Cessna 310R and a Vulcanair P68P are used for multi-engine and instrument rating training.

Students have access to train in a Cessna 210. These aircraft are widely operated in industry and may be incorporated into their training plans if desired.

Training is supported by the DCX MAX NG, a CASA approved Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD).



## Professional Training Options

The Redcliffe Aero Club is a Registered Training Organization (RTO 40971) and is accredited to offer Diploma programs including:

- AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane),
- AVI50519 Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating), and
- Double Diploma program encompassing both AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane) and AVI50519 Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating).

RAC is an approved VET Student Loan (VSL) provider, students who meet the VSL eligibility criteria may access a VET Student Loan to fund course costs. Students should be aware that VET Student Loan debt accrued during their training is a loan from the Commonwealth and must be repaid in the future.

## Which course suits you?

The choice of which program suits you will depend on your experience entering the program and the outcome you want to achieve. In brief:

**AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane)** is suited to students who already hold a minimum of CASA Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL) and covers training post RPL up to Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) level.

**AVI50519 Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)** is suited to students who already hold a CASA Private Pilot Licence (PPL) and wish to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence and Instrument Rating (Multi engine aircraft).

**The Aviation Double Diploma** program has been specifically designed for students with no previous flight experience who wish to obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence and Instrument Rating Multi Engine qualification. The Double Diploma program encompasses the competencies of **both AVI50222** and **AVI50519** courses and supports students with no previous flight experience to access VET Student Loan funding for their course.

As of January 2024, a student's lifetime My Help Balance cap for students studying eligible Aviation Diploma courses has been increased to \$174,998.00. *\*This cap is revised each year with the new limit published early in the year.*

## Course Structure

The Diploma courses offered by Redcliffe Aero Club are integrated programs of theoretical ground training and practical flight training that is divided into training phases which enable students to progress at a steady and consistent pace throughout the course. This also allows potential candidates to withdraw study portions from their individual training plan based on previous flying qualifications (CASA licences) experience, skills, and knowledge, that may have already been completed which may reduce the course cost and duration.

Students with prior experience may be required to complete a Credit transfer or Recognition of prior learning application as part of the enrolment process.

### Double Aviation Diploma Program:

- Phase 1: Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL): This phase covers the basic operational manoeuvres of the aircraft, including your first solo flight and training in all non-normal operations. (8 weeks)
- Phase 2: Private Pilot Licence (PPL): This phase teaches students how to navigate the aircraft cross country and through a range of diverse airspace. Students also undertake solo cross country flying before undertaking a PPL flight test. (8 weeks)
- Phase 3: This phase consolidates training from PPL, commences training in more advanced aircraft with Manual Propeller Pitch Control (MPPC) endorsement, and includes an Aviation Risk Management Ground Module (16 weeks)
- Phase 4: This phase includes the commencement of Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) Ground School, command experience consolidation, and general flying (15 weeks)
- Phase 5: This phase includes the completion of CPL Ground School, mock air transport operations simulating real world conditions and Commercial training, culminating in CPL flight test. (18 weeks)
- Phase 6: The final phase of training includes Night Flying, Multi Engine Class Rating and Multi Engine Instrument Rating (12 weeks)

## Course Attendance

The Redcliffe Aero Club generally offers training for the Diploma courses on a full-time basis. Students are required to attend a minimum of four (4) days each week for all scheduled training plan phases, except for scheduled Ground school phases that require five (5) days a week attendance Monday – Friday. Should a student wish to consider funding the course through the VET Student Loan funding then additional minimal requirements will also be applicable. In addition, the Diploma courses offered by RAC are registered with Services Australia (formerly Centrelink) and students who meet the eligibility requirements may be able to claim Youth Allowance for the duration of the course.

## Course Costs and inclusions

The Aviation Double Diploma program (AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane) & AVI50519 Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating) for 2024 is **\$149,974.95**. The full 6 phases of the Double Diploma program include:

- Cessna 172
  - **65.2** Dual Hours
  - **88.0** Solo Hours
  - **3.0** Private Hire (for PPL flight test)
- Cessna 182
  - **27.8** Dual Hours
  - **13.0** Solo Hours
  - **3.0** Private Hire (for CPL flight test)
- Cessna 310
  - **30.3** Dual Hours
  - **4.0** Private Hire (for MEA & IR flight test)
- **36.6** DCX MAX NG (FSTD) Hours
- **63.5** Briefing Hours
- Landing and Airways Charges
- Ground School Charges\*

\*Ground School includes – Private Pilot Licence Theory, Commercial Pilot Licence Theory Subjects (7 subjects), Aviation Risk Management Module, and Instrument Rating Theory Subject.

In addition to the course materials supplied, students will need to budget for additional expenses which are **not** covered under VET Student Loans and are **required** during the course including:

- Student Pilot Licence Kit
- Bob Tait Textbooks PPL, CPL & IREX
- Part 91 PEG
- CASA Visual Flight Rules Guide
- En Route Supplement Australia (ERSA) – Spiral Bound
- Air Services Australia Maps & Charts
- DAPS East with Binder
- DAPS East one update text only
- ATC Rotating Plotter
- ASA Metal Flight Computer
- Practice Exams PPL, CPL & IREX

Total estimated cost - \$2500

All students are expected to have a laptop or iPad (internet access is provided at The Redcliffe Aero Club).

All interested students will be provided with an individual eligibility and financial report by the RAC RTO team which details all estimated costs prior to enrolment.

# Enrolment requirements

All interested students are required to demonstrate their ability to meet the prerequisites for entry for all courses. This includes:

- Obtain a CASA Class One medical.
- Obtain an Aviation Security Identification Clearance card (ASIC card).

Candidates must also:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Be an Australian Citizen (or hold a qualifying VISA or NZ Citizenship)
- Have completed year 12 studies (or hold an international baccalaureate diploma or a Certificate IV or higher level qualification),
- Undertake a LLN (Language, Literacy and Numeracy) assessment; and
- Undertake an interview with the Head of Operations to assess suitability for enrolment at The Redcliffe Aero Club.

## Course Dates

Head to [www.redcliffeaeroclub.com.au](http://www.redcliffeaeroclub.com.au) for information on our next intake.

## What Next?

If you are interested in discussing your flight training options, entry requirements and for individual training plans please contact the RTO team at Redcliffe Aero Club to arrange an appointment on (07) 3203 1777 or email [RTO@Redcliffeaeroclub.com.au](mailto:RTO@Redcliffeaeroclub.com.au)

***Put yourself in the picture and take off to a new career at The Redcliffe Aero Club!***

