

Aviation Terms Glossary

Acronym	Title
AAIB	Air Accident Investigation Branch
ADF	Automatic Direction Finding
AFI	Assistant Flying Instructor
AIC	Aeronautical Information Circular
AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication (UK Air Pilot)
AIS	Aeronautical Information Services
AMC	Acceptable Means of Compliance
AMC	Aeromedical Centre
AME	Authorised Medical Examiner
AMEL	Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence
AML	Aircraft Maintenance Licence
AMS	Aeromedical Section
ANO	Air Navigation Order
ANSP	Air Navigation Service Provider
AOPA	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
ASDA	Accelerate- Stop Distance Available
ASU	Aeromedical Support Unit
AT/A	Airline Transport Pilots Licence/Aeroplanes
AT/HG	Airline Transport Pilots Licence/Helicopters and Gyroplanes
ATA	Air Transport Association of America
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATP	Airline Transport Pilot
ATPL	Airline Transport Pilot Licence
ATS	Air Traffic Service
ATZ	Aerodrome Traffic Zone
BALPA	The British Air Line Pilots ' Association
BBAC	British Balloon and Airship Club

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BCAR	British Civil Air worthiness Requirments
BCPL (A)	Basic Commercial Pilots Licence (Aeroplanes)
BGA	British Gliding Association
BHGA	British Hang Gliding Association
BMAA	British Microlight Aircraft Association
C of A	Certificate of Airworthiness
C of E	Certificate of Experience
C of R	Certificate of Registration
C of T	Certificate of Test
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAAIPs	Civil Aircraft Airworthiness Information and Procedures
CAIPs	Civil Aviation Inspection Procedures
CAP	Civil Aviation Publication
CCC	Crew - Co-ordination Concept
CFI	Chief Flying Instructor
CFS	Central Flying School (of the Royal Air Force)
CG	Centre of Gravity
CGA	Cleared And Gradad Area
CGI	Chief Ground Instructor
CP	Co-Pilot
CP/A	Commercial Pilots Licence/Aeroplanes
CP/AS	Commercial Pilots Licence/Airships
CP/B	Commercial Pilots Licence/Balloons
CP/HG	Commercial Pilots Licence/Helicopters and Gyroplanes
CPL	Commercial Pilot Licence
CQB	Central Question Bank
CR	Class Rating
CRE	Class Rating Examiner

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CRI	Class Rating Instructor
CRM	Crew Resource Management
CRM	Cockpit Resource Management
CTR	Control Zone
D/F	Direction Finding
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
DORA	Directorate Of Resarch And Analysis
DR	Dead Reckoning
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
ECAC	European Civil Aviation Conference
ECG	Electrocardiograph
ETA	Estimated Time Of Arrival
ETOPS	Extended Range Twin Operations
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FCL	Flight Crew Licensing
FE	Flight Examiner
FI	Flight Instructor
FIE	Flight Instructor Examiner
FL	Flight Level
FMS	Flight Management System
FN	Flight Navigator
FNPT	Flight and Navigation Procedures Trainer
FRTTO	Flight Radio Telephony Operator
FS	Flight Simulator
FTD	Flight Training Device
FTO	Flight Training Organisation
GFT	General Flight Test (Private Pilots Licence)
GPS	Global Positioning System

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H/F	High Frequency
HHMAG	Helicopter Health Monitoring Advisory Group
HT	Head of Training
HUM	Health and Usage Monitoring [for Helicopters]
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
IEM	Interpretative and Explanatory Material
IFALPA	International Federation Of Airline Pilots ' Associations
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
ILS	Instrument Landing System
IMC	Instrument Meteorological Conditions
IR	Instrument Rating
IR(A)	Instrument Rating (Aeroplanes)
IR(H)	Instrument Rating (Helicopters)
IRE	Instrument Rating Examiner
IRI	Instrument Rating Instructor
IRVR	Instrumented Runway Visual Range
JAA	Joint Aviation Authorities
JAR	Joint Aviation Requirements
JAR - M	Joint Aviation Requirements - Maintenance
JAR-147	Approved Maintenance Training/Examinations
JAR-66	Certifying Staff Maintenance
JAR-OPS	Joint Aviation Requirements - Operations
LATCC	London Air Traffic Control Centre
LDA	Landing Distance Available
LIST	Licensing Standardisation Team
LOFT	Line Orientated Flight Training
LWTR	Licence Without Type Rating

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LWTR - A	Licence without Type Rating - Aeroplanes
LWTR - B	Licence without Type Rating - Aeroplanes or Rotorcraft (Overhaul)
LWTR - C	Licence without Type Rating - Engines
LWTR - D	Licence without Type Rating - Engines (Overhaul)
LWTR - R	Licence without Type Rating - Radio
LWTR - X	Licence without Type Rating - Instruments, Electrical, Automatic Pilots & Combined Category
MCC	Multi Crew Co-operation
MCQ	Multi Choice Questions
ME	Multi-engine
MEL	Minimum Equipment List
MEP	Multi-engine Piston
MEST	Medical Standardisation Team
MET	Multi-engine Turbo-prop
MGIR	Motor Glider Instructor Rating
MMEL	Master Minimum Equipment List
MPA	Multi-pilot Aeroplane
MPH	Multi-pilot Helicopter
MSC	Medical Sub-Committee
MTWA	Maximum Total Weight Authorised
NAA	National Aviation Authority
NATS	National Air Traffic Services
NDB	Non-Directional Beacon
NERC	New Enroute Centre (Swarwick)
NFT	Navigation Flight Test
nm	Nautical Miles
NOTAM	Notice to Airmen
NPA	Notice of Proposed Amendment
OCA	Oceanic Control Area

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OML	Operational Multicrew Limitation
ORL	Otorhinolaryngology
OSL	Operational Safety Pilot Limitation
OTD	Other Training Devices
P U/T	Pilot Under Training
P2	Co-pilot
PANS OPS	Procedures For Air Navigation Services Rules Of The Air And Air Traffic Services
PAR	Precision Approach Radar
PARA	A licence group within a category (eg 5.6 aircraft exceeding 5700 kgs MTNA)
PF	Pilot Flying
PFD	Pilot Flight Display
PHARE	Programme for Harmonised ATM Research In Europe
PIC	Pilot-in-Command
PIC U/S	Pilot-In-Command Under Supervision
PNF	Pilot Not Flying
PPL	Private Pilot Licence
PPL (A)	Private Pilots Licence (Aeroplanes)
PPL (BA)	Private Pilots Licence (Balloons and Airships)
PPL (BAL)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests and ground examinations for Balloons
PPL (BX)	An Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests and ground examinations for the PPL and to conduct certain Flight Tests for the BCPL and to sign Cs of T and Cs of E
PPL (GR)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct ground examinations and sign Cs of E
PPL (GRH)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct ground examinations and sign Cs of E for helicopters
PPL (GRM)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct ground examinations and sign Cs of E for microlights
PPL (H&G)	Private Pilots Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)
PPL (N)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Navigation Flight Tests, ground examinations and to sign Cs of E
PPL (R)	A PPL Examiner authorised to sign Cs of E
PPL (X)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests and ground examinations and sign Cs of E and Cs of T
PPL (XD)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests, ground examinations and sign Cs of T for Microlights and also to sign Cs of E

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PPL (XGYR)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests, ground examinations and sign Cs of T for Gyroplanes and also sign Cs of E
PPL (XMG)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests and ground examinations and sign Cs of T for SLMGs and sign Cs of E
PPL (XPP)	A PPL Examiner authorised to conduct Flight Tests, ground examinations and sign Cs of T for Power Parachutes and also sign Cs of E
QFI	Qualified Flying Instructor (Military)
R/T	Radiotelephony
RBI	Relative Bearing Indicator
RESA	Runway End Safety Area
RMI	Radio Magnetic Indicator
RTF	Radiotelephony
RVR	Runway Visual Range
SAR	Search And Rescue
ScaATCC	Scottish Air Traffic Control Center
SE	Single-engine
SEP	Single Engine Piston
SET	Single-engine Turbo-prop
SET	Subject expert teams
SFE	Synthetic Flight Examiner
SFI	Synthetic Flight Instructor
SID	Standard Instrument Departure
SIM	Simulator
SLMG	Self Launching Motor Glider
SPA	Single-pilot Aeroplane
SPH	Single-pilot Helicopter
SPIC	Student Pilot-in-Command
SSR	Secondary Surveillance Radar
STAR	Standard Instrument Arrival
STD	Synthetic Training Devices
TCAS	Traffic Alert And Collision Avoidance System

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TGL	Temporary Guidance Leaflet
TMA	Terminal Control Area
TMG	Touring Motor Glider
TODA	Take-Off Distance Available
TORA	Take Off Run Available
TR	Type Rating
TRE	Type Rating Examiner
TRI	Type Rating Instructor
TRTO	Type Rating Training Organisation
UAS	Upper Air Space
UAV	Unmanned Air Vehicle
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
UKAIP	United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication
VASI	Visual Approach Slope Indicator
VDF	VHF Direction Finding
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VHF	Very High Frequency
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VOR	VHF Omni Range
WAAS	World Airline Accident Summary