



Press Release

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Stapleford ATPL theory courses cleared for solo take off

The Civil Aviation Authority has granted stand-alone approval for Stapleford Flight Centre to run modular Air Transport Pilots' Licence (ATPL) Theoretical Knowledge courses at the airfield near Romford in Essex. This is the only ATPL theory course inside the M25 in the London area.

Stapleford has already run two courses in conjunction with ProPilot, Coventry, now taken over by CTC. The second course finished in July with a 92% pass rate of exams taken. In addition to UK PPLs, there were students from as far afield as Mexico and Kenya.

The next six-month course begins on September 4, with a further course starting in January 2016. During the course students are able to familiarise themselves with jet instruments by making use of Stapleford's new Alsim ALX Simulator. They can also continue their hour-building, using the Flight School's aeroplanes.

The courses will be run by Senior Stapleford Instructor, Adrian Oliver, who has been appointed Chief Theoretical Knowledge Instructor. Working with him will be a team of Stapleford Instructors, including Head of Training, Colin Dobney, together with Jeff Scantlebury, Jon Onsloe, Anneli Christian-Phillips, Scott Welsford, Robert Lough, Roy Copperwaite, Chris Savva and Jeff Boyling.

The classes take place in Stapleford's purpose-built Theoretical Training (TK) complex adjacent to simulator block at the airfield, and providing self-contained classrooms, offices and IT suite specifically for this project. En-suite accommodation is available for students on the airfield.

Potential students for the ATPL courses require a Private Pilots' Licence. They will need to take pre-entry exams in Maths and Physics. The Stapleford courses are for up to 16 students at a time. The course costs £4,200, with accommodation at £175 per week.

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Note to Editors:

Stapleford Flight Centre in Essex has been training private and airline pilots for over 40 years and offers the full range of qualifications from Private Pilot's Licence (PPL), through Commercial Pilot's Licence (CPL), Instrument Rating (IR) to a frozen Air Transport Pilot's Licence (ATPL) and Multi Crew Co-operation (MCC). Stapleford students achieve 100 per cent 1st series pass rates in both CPL and IR courses. Each year Stapleford trains between 60-80 professional students from all parts of the world. Stapleford Flight has full accreditation from BAC (British Accreditation Council for Independent, Further and Higher Education).

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