

FTO Approval & CAR Compliance Guide

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains the DGCA FTO approval process and ongoing compliance — application, base and fleet and personnel and manual requirements, audit and surveillance — for a flying school. Use it to navigate FTO approval.

Purpose of this tool & output

Get and keep DGCA FTO approval

How the output is used

Use it to get and keep DGCA FTO approval — the application, base inspection, manuals and continuing-compliance steps for a flying training organisation.

Who receives it

The application goes to the DGCA (Flying Training / Flight Standards Directorate), with the base airfield and airspace clearances as applicable.

How to submit / file it

Submit the base, fleet, instructor, curriculum and manual details, undergo the DGCA base inspection and audit, and maintain continuing compliance for renewal.

Fees & charges

DGCA FTO approval and renewal fees plus the large base, fleet and instructor costs; approval is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

The DGCA flying-training officers who inspect the base, aircraft and instructors and audit the organisation before approval.

Important cautions

FTO approval and continuing-compliance requirements are detailed, CAR-driven and change and surveillance is strict. Confirm the current CAR and requirements with DGCA and maintain rigorous safety and documentation.

Companion documents

- Flying Training Organisation (FTO) Setup
- Pilot Training Curriculum Designer
- Cabin Crew / Aviation Academy Setup
- AME / Technical Training Institute Guide
- Flight Simulator / FSTD Setup Guide
- Student Recruitment & Counselling Plan

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