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Unnecessary Dual CASA Standards: RAAus vs GA - Removal of the requirement to hold an ASIC card for the issuance of a CASA RPL/PPL licenses

Mr Carmody,

AOPA Australia would like to bring to your attention an unfair dual standard that is placing government regulated Recreational Pilots Licence (RPL) and Private Pilots License (PPL) holders at a significant economic disadvantage to their Recreational Pilot Certificate (RPC) counterparts, who are managed by the self-administered Recreational Aviation Australia Limited (RAAus).

Under the current rules of the RAAus a pilot training for their RPC does not require a valid ASIC card in order to be issued their license. In many cases, pilots training for the RPC operate the same aircraft as their RPL/PPL counterparts from the same airports and in the same airspace. Yet despite this fact, RPL and PPL holders are being forced to maintain a higher standard of security that increases the end-cost of obtaining a license.

CASA by way of approving the RAAus rules have communicated that there is insufficient risk to warrant the requirement to hold an ASIC card for the issue of an RPC. Therefore, there is no valid reason as to why a CASA RPL/PPL holder should continue to be exposed to the significant economic disadvantage that obtaining an ASIC card prior to their license issue represents.

AOPA Australia is calling on the Minister and CASA to immediately remove the ASIC card requirement for the issuance of an RPL and PPL license immediately. If a confirmation of this removal could please be provided, so that we may communicate the removal to our membership and industry supporters it would be appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Morgan', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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