

# Fixed-wing Flight Training Safety Strategy

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### The standard overhead join video and online roadshow

#### Standard Overhead Join Video

Throughout February and March 2022, the CAA held 24 online sessions showcasing the newly produced standard overhead join video. The video is a direct product of the Flight Training Safety Strategy, to be used as an instructional teaching aid and an educational video for general aviation.

Over 750 people attended the online sessions, some of which were run as dedicated sessions for Part 141 training organisations.

Attendees were invited to provide feedback through a survey, and this shows that:

- 94.29% were very satisfied or satisfied with the online presentation
- 94.29% found the information in the video either very useful or useful
- 90.48% are either very likely or likely to recommend the video to a friend
- 98.1% are either very likely or likely to attend another video launch by the CAA

With this feedback the CAA is planning to produce another educational video as soon as staff availability allows.

The top key messages people said they took away from the video and event were:

- Importance of standardised and predictable procedures
- Yield don't push
- Keep the airfield on the left whilst conducting the standard overhead join.

The video and recording of the online session are available on the [CAA website](#) as an ongoing resource for flight training organisations, aero clubs, microlight clubs and participants to use.

The Flight Instructor Guide has also been updated to reflect feedback received throughout the online events.

In response to feedback we're also producing a second version of the standard overhead join poster, depicting possible routes for changing from a standard left-hand circuit to a right-hand circuit.

We'll be surveying all flight training organisations and aero clubs in six months to see how often the safety education products are being used and how these have been incorporated into the organisations' training programmes.

### **The Visual Navigation Guide**

Following a review of cross-country related flight training accidents and incidents, the CAA has produced a [Practical Flying Guide on visual navigation](#) that covers topics such as:

- Importance of thorough planning
- Dead reckoning navigation
- Workload management
- Division of tasks
- Prioritisation.

The guide was introduced online at the standard overhead join online sessions and the feedback so far has been very positive.

The guide is not just for instructors and students but is meant for a much wider audience. For instructors specifically, the CAA is updating the Flight Instructor Guide with a section that explains in detail how to teach navigation.

The material is available online and hard copies can be purchased through [Vertia](#). 100 hard copies were sent out to all fixed-wing flight training organisations (Part 141, Part 61 and microlight flying clubs). Each organisation has received one complimentary guide, with advice on where this material is available in soft copy or for purchase as a hard copy.

### **Next phase**

With its initial tasks now completed, the Flight Training Safety Strategy is moving into its second phase. Over the next 12-18 months you can expect to see us focus on:

1. Producing guidance on supervision
2. Good Aviation Practice video on radio communication practices
3. Guidance on circuit etiquette.

The Licencing and Standards Team is also planning to hold an instructors seminar in the latter half of 2022, dependent on COVID levels.

*Thank you to all participants for your ongoing involvement in the success of this safety strategy.*