

Assessment of FDT Schemes

The CAA introduced a procedure in 2017 to ensure consistent application of Flight and Duty Time (FDT) rules.

Operators certificated under Parts 115, 121, 125, or 135 are required to establish FDT schemes. These schemes define limits on flight, duty, and rest times of flight crew.

While some operators will be able to incorporate the 'off the shelf' scheme provided in Advisory Circular AC119-2 *Air Operations – Fatigue of Flight Crew*, one size doesn't fit all. So operators are encouraged to develop their own scheme to suit their operation.

When a scheme differs from AC119-2, the operator must demonstrate that their scheme provides an equivalent, or better, level of safety than AC119-2, based on fatigue science and risk management. The CAA suggests that operators engage a fatigue expert to support their scheme before submission to the CAA, to reduce associated certification costs.

While the CAA will assess FDT schemes as part of an Air Operator Certificate application, all operators should review their scheme for compliance with AC119-2 beforehand.

When assessing non-standard schemes, the CAA applies the *Assessment of Flight and Duty Time Schemes Procedure*. This states the expectations of the CAA, and the process used to assess such schemes. This is an interim procedure until the wider Fatigue Risk Management Project is concluded.

Before working on a custom FDT scheme, it's important to understand the requirements under the procedure, and to allow sufficient time for the scheme's verification.

For more information on fatigue management including the interim FDT assessment procedure, see www.caa.govt.nz/fatigue.

How to Get Aviation Publications

AIP New Zealand

AIP New Zealand is available free on the Internet, www.aip.net.nz. Printed copies of Vols 1 to 4 and all aeronautical charts can be purchased from Aeronautical Information Management (a division of Airways New Zealand) on 0800 500 045, or their website, www.aipshop.co.nz.

Pilot and Aircraft Logbooks

These can be purchased from your training organisation, or 0800 GET RULES (0800 438 785).

Rules, Advisory Circulars, Airworthiness Directives

These are available free from the CAA website. Printed copies can be purchased from 0800 GET RULES (0800 438 785).

Planning an Aviation Event?

If you are planning any aviation event, the details should be published in an AIP Supplement to warn pilots of the activity. For Supplement requests, email the CAA: aero@caa.govt.nz.

To allow for processing, the CAA needs to be notified **at least one week** before the Aeropath (Airways) published cut-off date.

Applying to the CAA for an aviation event under Part 91 does not include applying for an AIP Supplement – the two applications must be made separately. For further information on aviation events, see AC91-1.

For more information, see:

www.caa.govt.nz/general-aviation/aviation-events.

CAA Cut-off Date	Aeropath (Airways) Cut-off Date	Effective Date
6 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018	16 Aug 2018
4 Jul 2018	11 Jul 2018	13 Sep 2018
1 Aug 2018	8 Aug 2018	11 Oct 2018

See www.caa.govt.nz/aip to view the AIP cut-off dates for 2018.

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