

Inevitably, due to differences in licence privileges, regulations, assessment methods/framework and specific guidelines set out by the competent authorities, there are always going to be gaps for anyone wanting to convert a foreign licence to a CASR Part 66 licence.

Aviation Australia is approved by CASA to conduct Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) from certain foreign licences; these are detailed in the Advisory Circular AC147-02 "Approved Part 147 training organisations" <https://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/casr-part-147-maintenance-training-organisations> and our CASR Part 147 MTO Certificate of Approval which is accessible via our website

From a theory perspective, Australia has adopted the Part 66 basic knowledge syllabus and examinations (very similar to EASA) but from a practical perspective, in lieu of engineer hour-based logbooks/schedule of experience, we now have competency-based training and assessment from within the Aeroskills Training Package.

When these units of competency are clustered together they form qualifications; so essentially, CASR Part 66 B1.1, B1.2, B1.3, B1.4 and B2 licences are mapped against the Diploma of Aeroskills Mechanical and Avionics respectively.

From a process perspective, Aviation Australia enrol you in to the applicable competencies/qualification and then conduct a RPL assessment from your foreign licence, company approval and any other evidence that you wish to provide such as maintenance authorities, regulatory examination passes etc.

Post-assessment, you will be issued with an RPL report that will clearly outline your theory and practical training requirements. For theory, you have the option to self-study our training material then sit the examinations* when you feel ready, alternatively you can participate in instructor-led training. For practical, you can either gain the required practical competency on-the-job or we have practical training courses available which may be suitable.

***NOTE: CASR Part 66 Multiple Choice Examinations (MCQ) and essays have to be sat at our approved locations, listed [here](#)**

Once all the requirements of the RPL report have been satisfied Aviation Australia will certify you using a CASA Form 465 "Training Outcome Notification".

You can then use the Form 465 to apply directly to CASA using a Form 544 "Application for Initial Licence/Additional Category or Subcategory on CASR Part 66 Licence Foreign Civil Qualifications".

Aviation Australia cannot RPL type ratings, so as part of your application to CASA you may wish to apply for type ratings to be endorsed from your foreign licence on to your CASR licence using a Form 545 "Application for Aircraft Type Rating on a CASR Part 66 Licence Foreign Civil Qualifications"

The CASA forms can be downloaded from CASA's website [here](#).

For more information then please refer to the CASR Part 66 Manual of Standards as well as the RPL section of our [website](#)

Important points

1. The enrolment in to the RPL process and the provision of evidence can be completed anywhere in the world; the enrolment is online via the RPL section of our website, once enrolled an assessor will send you an RPL pack via email which needs to be printed out, filled-in and then returned in the post with all of your evidence to be assessed.
2. DO NOT SEND any original documentation in the post; any official forms of evidence such as licences, authorisations, qualifications etc. have to be certified as a "true copy of an original" document. Any person or agency recognised by the law of the country in which you live can certify documents. Please note that you may have to pay for this service.
3. Prior to Aviation Australia issuing a Form 465 you will need to apply for an Aviation Reference Number (ARN) directly with CASA. Please refer to the CASA [website](#) for more information.
4. After a Form 465 has been issued and you are applying for your licence (via Form 544 and 545), you will need to provide CASA a letter of verification from the NAA that issued your foreign licence to prove it has never been cancelled or revoked.

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