

PROVISIONAL PILOT SCHEME

INTRODUCTION

As a new member of Tingalpa Model Aero Club Inc., we would like to ensure that your time and flying with this Club is all it should be.

Flying a radio-controlled model aircraft is very challenging and satisfying, and whether you are a beginner or an experienced pilot, our Club has introduced a **Provisional Pilot Scheme**, designed to help you.

It can be very disappointing when a model you have lavished your time and hopes on goes crunch. It is something we all hate and hope to avoid. It can be very tempting to fly your new model unassisted but believe me if you've never done it before it's safer for you, your fellow members and your model to get help!

Our facilities at Tingalpa are among the best in Australia and we want to keep them. It is for this reason that our Club's Rules and By-Laws came into being. They are designed to promote **safe flying**, and, if followed, this should happen.

To further these aims we have now introduced at Provisional Pilots scheme.

Being a Provisional Pilot means that until you have successfully passed a Flight Proficiency Test (which includes the MAAA Bronze Wings Standard), you are only permitted to fly with assistance from an experience Club member or an Instructor.

If you are already an experienced flier don't panic, we've thought of you. Read on.

What Type of New Member am I?

Having joined our Club, see which of the following best describes your experience:

- a) a beginner, with little or no experience in building or flying,
- b) an intermediate, with some model aircraft experience but not able to fly on my own,
- c) An experienced modeller who has already flown solo.

It is very likely, and certainly hoped, that if **a)** or **b)** describe you, then you will already be receiving some help. When you have completed your training, that is, when you are able to fly solo, then you are able to take your Flight Proficiency Test.

If **c)** best describes you, you may take your Flight Proficiency Test whenever you feel ready to do so. Just approach one of the qualified TMAC MAAA instructors. See the section "Who Can Test Me" for further details.

Provisional Pilot Sticker

Until you take your Flight Proficiency Test, the white coloured Provisional sticker you received when you joined **must** remain affixed to your frequency key.

This sticker serves two purposes:

- 1) it identifies you as a financial member of TMAC,
- 2) It identifies you as a pilot who may need assistance with flying.

Once you have passed your Flight Proficiency Test (which includes the MAAA Bronze Wings Standard), you will then be issued with a frequency sticker of that year's colour, which once again identifies you as a financial member of TMAC and also indicates your status as a proficient pilot.

The Flight Proficiency Test

The FPT is undertaken when **you** feel ready so don't feel under any pressure. All that you have to do is listed on the Flight Proficiency Test form and the MAAA Fixed Wing Powered – Bronze Wings form. It may appear daunting but it's surprising how quick you pick it all up with a bit of help from your friendly neighbourhood club members!!

Please remember that having a knowledge and understanding of **your** Club's operational By-Laws is just as important as being able to fly because it enables you to fly safely.

You will notice that the Flight Proficiency Test is designed for fixed wing powered aircraft.

Ideally, when undertaking the Flight Proficiency Test and the MAAA Bronze Wings Test, this should be your own model.

For

- 1) fixed wing glider aircraft
 - 2) rotary wing aircraft (eg Helicopters)
- refer to the MAAA Bronze Wings Standards.

For Gliders and Helicopters, you will be tested on the Knowledge of Operational By-Laws section of the Flight Proficiency Test only.

Who Can Test Me?

Only qualified, participating MAAA Instructors who are also members of TMAC can test you. When you are ready for your test, contact one of them to arrange a time and date that suits you both. Please note that any of the instructors listed below can test you even if they taught you to fly or provided the majority of your tuition. The following is a list of current paid instructors and their phone numbers:

NOEL WILSON	07 3890 2520
TONY GLIDDON	0408 648 379
KEVIN DODD	0411 645 637

Good Flying!!!