



DASA approval of FSTD Evaluation Teams – DASR FSTD

This Newsbreak is to advise that DASA has established an approval process and assessment criteria for an organisation seeking approval as a Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD) Evaluation Team under DASR FSTD.

FSTD used in support of Flight Crew training, qualification or currency may only be assessed by an Evaluation Team approved by DASA (AMC FSTD.05B refers). An FSTD Evaluation Team conducts—on behalf of Military Air Operators (MAOs)—the validation testing for initial FSTD Qualification, and FSTD periodic reassessment, against recognised CAA FSTD certification standards.

New applicants seeking DASA approval as an FSTD Evaluation Team should complete and submit [DASR Form 160](#). Extant DASA FSTD Qualification organisation approvals will remain valid until 30 Jun 26. Organisations seeking to retain their extant approvals beyond this date, will be required to complete and submit [DASR Form 160](#) prior to 30 Jun 26, to enable DASA to revalidate these organisations. DASA will communicate revalidation outcomes with MAOs accordingly. All applicants will be assessed against the revised assessment criteria which is benchmarked against CASA, UK MAA and NLD MAA regulations.

Applicants should note that:

- DASA will only assess applicants with a contract to provide FSTD Qualification services to Defence
- the DASA approval process is an independent (regulatory) process to the [Defence Support Services Panel Business Management System \(DSS BMS\)](#) (contractual) process. A CASG-awarded 'FSTD Qualification' contract does not negate the requirement for complementary DASA approval as an FSTD Evaluation Team.

The point of contact for queries relating to the FSTD Evaluation Team approvals is WGCDR Bruce Collenette – DD FLTOPS (DAVNOPS-DASA) at 02 5130 4757, or bruce.collenette@defence.gov.au.

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