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Aim:

Engage the Aviation Safety community on the February 2026 release of *DASR SMS*.

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Scope

- **DASR SMS Transition**

- AC 001/2026 – *DASR SMS* Transition and Change Management Arrangements
- Transition timeline
- Communication during transitioning regulations
- Demonstrating compliance
- Withdrawal of the *DASM*

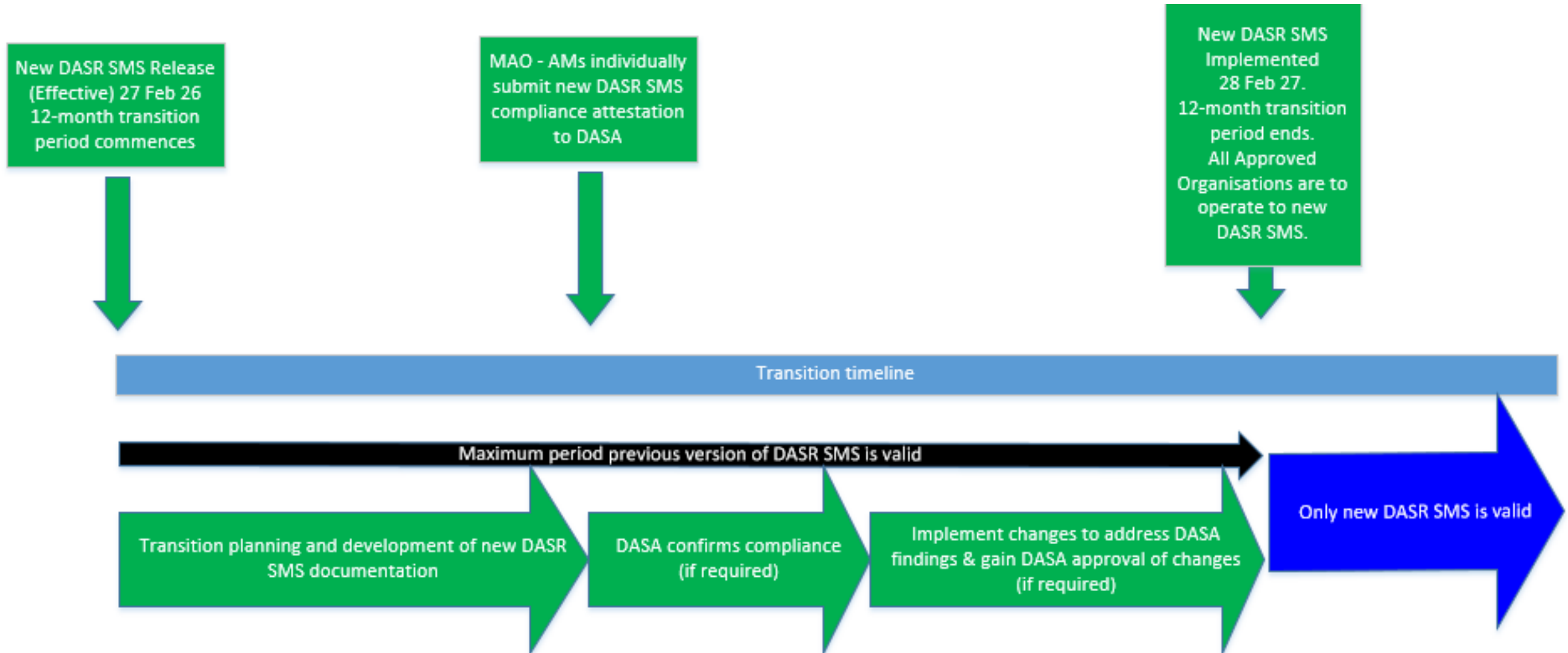
- **Other Regulation Updates**

- DASA Regulation Benchmarking – FLTOPS - Status Update
- DASR GR.40 Occurrence Reporting – Status Update

SMS Transition and Change Management Plan

- AC 001/2026 DASR SMS Transition and Change Management Arrangements
 - SMS ‘Town Halls’
 - MAO SMS / QMS reviews and workshops
 - Transition education and training (Findings management)
 - Change Management
 - Cross reference matrix (live document)

SMS Transition Plan - Transition Timeline



Regulations subject to a transition period will have banners placed at the top of the regulation page highlighting that it is subject to a transition period and the required implementation by date.

DASR 21 - Aircraft Design, Production and Certification

Note: A major amendment to DASR 21 was published on 27 Feb 25. Organisations required to comply with DASR 21 must achieve compliance with the amended regulation no later than 01 Feb 27. The previous text of DASR 21 is available [here](#).

21.1 - General

DASR NTS - Non-Technical Skills

Note: A major amendment to DASR NTS was published on 29 Feb 24. Organisations required to comply with DASR NTS must achieve compliance with the amended regulation no later than 28 Feb 27. DASA has released Advisory Circular [002/2026](#) to provide transition information and guidance. The previous text of DASR NTS is available [here](#).

NTS.10 – Defence NTS construct (AUS)

NOTE: DASR SMS Banner already published as part of DASR Feb 26 release.

Updated DASA Website homepage (**in-draft**) now includes a “Transitioning Regulations” page link that will collate summaries of all regulations in transition, key documents and links to the DASR version that is in effect until transition has been approved.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://dasa.defence.gov.au/node/152/latest>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. Below the browser, a navigation bar contains several menu items: Content, Structure, Appearance, Extend, Configuration, People, Reports, and Help. A dropdown menu is open under 'Appearance', showing 'Education and Promotion'. The main content area features a 'Quick links' section with six buttons, each with a right-pointing arrow:

- Regulations
- Transitioning Regulations
- Advisory Circulars and Factsheets
- Forms and Templates
- Education and Training
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TRANSITIONING REGULATIONS page

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Defence Flight Safety Bureau ▼
Education and Promotion ▼

This page collates key information for all Defence Aviation Safety Regulation amendments that are currently subject to a transition period

In Transition Regulations

DASR 21 Subpart C Military Type Certification Holder Organisation - Implementation ▼
Required: 01 Feb 27

DASR Safety Management System (SMS) - Implementation Required: 27 Feb 27 ▼

DASR Non-Technical Skills (NTS) - Implementation Required: 28 Feb 27 ▼

Transitioned Regulations

In Transition Regulations

DASR 21 Subpart C Military Type Certification Holder Organisation - Implementation


Required: 01 Feb 27

DASR 21 Subpart C Military Type Certification Holder Organisation. DASA has introduced a Terms of Approval (ToA) for Military Type Certificate Holders to formalise their regulatory approval. The ToA establishes clearer responsibilities and accountabilities under DASR Part 21, and enables the granting of specific privileges where appropriate.

Key Documents:

- A. [Record of Change \(ROC\) - 27 Feb 25 DASR Release](#)
- B. [Pre-Transition DASR Text - 25 Jul 24 DASR Release](#)

DASA Contact: [DASA Initial Airworthiness Regulation and Promotion \(IARP\) Group Inbox](#)

DASR Safety Management System (SMS) - Implementation Required: 27 Feb 27 


DASR Safety Management Systems (SMS). The DASR SMS regulation was updated to maintain credibility and alignment with international aviation safety standards. The changes strengthen consistency with ICAO Annex 19, integrate relevant Defence aviation safety requirements, and adopt a more outcomes-based regulatory approach. This supports effective SMS implementation across Defence and civilian organisations while ensuring compatibility with existing DASR aircrew safety and risk management requirements.


Key Documents:

- A. [DASR Release Record of Change \(ROC\) - 27 Feb 2026](#)
- B. [Notice of Proposed Amendment \(NPA\) for DCP 2023-010: DASR Safety Management System \(SMS\)](#)
- C. [Comment Response Document \(CRD\) for DCP 2023-010: DASR Safety Management System \(SMS\)](#)
- D. [Pre-Transition DASR Text - 31 Jul 25 DASR Release](#)
- D. [Advisory Circular](#)

DASA Contact: [DASA Safety Management System \(SMS\) Group Inbox](#)

Latest draft
has
AC001/202
6 linked



DASR Non-Technical Skills (NTS) - Implementation Required: 28 Feb 27 

DASR Non-Technical Skills (NTS). This new DASR part, consulted through References A and B, regulates a broader community than the previous DASR AIRCREW.55 Non-Technical Skills which has now been removed. DASR NTS addresses key issues identified by DASA and incorporates tailored elements of exemplar equivalent regulations from other CAAs and MAAs. A corresponding amendment has been made to DASR GR.20 Operations Personnel to include reference to DASR NTS.

Key Documents:

- A. [Notice of Proposed Amendment \(NPA\) for DCP 2023-002: DASR NTS](#)
- B. [Comment Response Document \(CRD\) for DCP 2023-002: DASR NTS](#)
- C. [Record of Change \(ROC\) - 29 Feb 24 DASR Release](#)
- D. [Pre-Transition DASR Text - 27 Jul 23 DASR Release](#)

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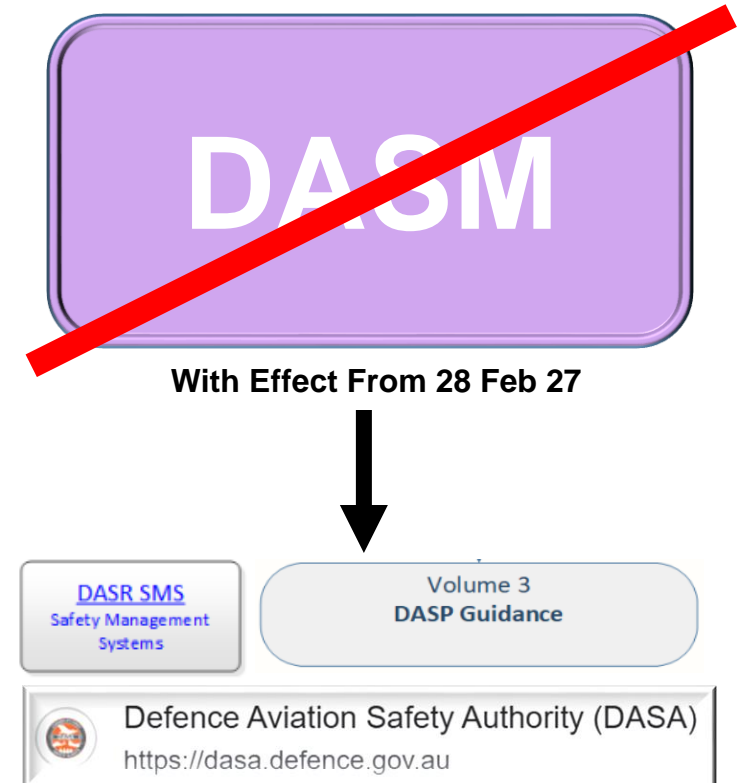
SMS Transition and Change Management – Demonstrating Compliance

- **Impact on the safety community**
 - Understand the potential workload (and resources required) to achieve compliance (if your organisation relied on the DASM for compliance).
 - ‘New Look’ DASR SMS regulation and AMC content.
 - Update to SMS documentation and artefacts.
 - MAO-AMs – Submission of compliance evidence to DASA for evaluation and transition to the new regulation (new process).
- **Things the safety community do**
 - Engagement with DASA (early).
 - Use the PSOE Evaluation Tool and identify gaps.
 - Plan the transition.

SMS Transition Plan – Withdrawal of the DASM

The DASM will be formally withdrawn 28 Feb 2027.

- May continue to be used as the ‘corporate solution’ during the transition period.
- No information from the DASM will be orphaned – redirected to:
 - DASR SMS Vol 2
 - DASR SMS Vol 3
 - DASM to DASPMAN Vol 2 & 3 cross reference matrix
 - DASA Webpage
 - Defence Flight Safety Manual (reporting and investigations)
 - SMS Handbooks
- Changes to DASR SMS (Feedback welcome)
 - DASPMAN Vol 2 – DASR Change Proposal (Form 111) (DASA SMS website)
 - DASPMAN Vol 3 – email (dasa.asms@defence.gov.au)
 - FAQ





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QUESTIONS

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Internet: dasa.defence.gov.au/safety-management-systems



DASA Regulation Benchmarking – Flight Operations – Summary Update

- Continuous improvement – nil significant changes to FLTOPS regulation scope since 2016
- Entities benchmarked 2022-24:
 - UK Military Aviation Authority (MAA)
 - Netherlands MAA
 - EASA National Aviation Authority (NAA)
 - Federal Aviation Administration (NAA)
 - Civil Aviation Safety Authority (NAA) – selected regulations only
- All differences categorised
 - **Category 1 = *potential*** Aviation Safety hazard gaps in extant DASR (albeit requires further analysis to determine applicability in ADF context -- ie new regulation may not be required, and other Defence or local policy may already provide the necessary hazard controls in lieu)
 - ‘Top 10’ Category 1 ***potential*** Aviation Safety hazard gaps communicated to all Ops FEG CDRs ([BP56748803](#) of 16 Apr 26 refers)

So what? Where to?

- FEGs to assess the top 10 potential Aviation Safety hazard gaps thru their SMS, and consider if additional controls are necessary

GR.40 Occurrence Reporting – Status Update

- NPA closed 13 Apr 26

Where to from here?

- Comments collated, assessed and incorporated
 - Clarification and feedback provided(as necessary)
- Submission to Defence Aviation Safety Board (DASB)
 - 11 Jun 26
- DASR GR.40 Occurrence Reporting and Management release
 - DB to DG DASA release approval
 - Jul 2026



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Next SMS Town Hall – 29 May 26





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Closing Comments

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