



Senior Aviation Safety Officer Conference 02-26

The Defence Flight Safety Bureau (DFSB) will host the second Senior Aviation Safety Officer Conference of 2026 (SASO 02-26) on **Mon-Tue 16-17 November 2026** at the Mercure Hotel, Canberra, ACT.

The purpose of the SASO Conference is to improve shared awareness across DFSB and Defence Senior Aviation Safety Officers (SASOs)—including Command, Force Element Group, and Wing/Tri-service equivalents—regarding risk, safety issues, and initiatives that enhance the performance and outcomes of Aviation Safety Management Systems (ASMS) and accident prevention programs.

Broad themes for the SASO Conferences include:

- Accident and serious incident investigation observations and lessons.
- Occurrence reporting and management.
- Safety data analysis.
- Safety risk management.
- Accident prevention programs.

The SASO Conference will feature presentations and discussions on:

- Observations and lessons arising from aviation accident investigations.
- Accident prevention programs and initiatives.
- Command ASO Updates, safety concerns and investigations.
- Strategic aviation safety data, analysis and research.
- Revisions to ASMS policy, regulations, education and training.

DFSB welcomes suggestions for discussion topics focused at organisational-level ASMS and direct contributions by SASOs for inclusion in the next SASO conference.

DFSB will provide attendance and presentation requirements, as well as administrative details, via separate correspondence to respective Defence Aviation commands and subordinate organisations.

Nominations for attendance are to be emailed NLT 30 Oct 26 to: dfsbt@resources.defence.gov.au.

Queries related to SASO attendance, presentation requirements and general conference administration should be directed to: dfsbt@resources.defence.gov.au.

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