



DASA Independent Safety Assurance during CoViD 19 Restrictions

DASA carries out independent safety assurance, on behalf of the DefAA, through five functions, and directly supports the aviation community through an additional two functions.

The effect of COVID19 on these functions, and associated management adjustments, are summarised as follows:

Prescribing safety policy and regulation for Defence Aviation

The prescription of safety policy and regulation remains largely unaffected by COVID19.

Promoting Defence Aviation safety through education, training and dissemination of safety information.

All promotion and training activities have been adjusted (or delayed) to address COVID19 restrictions. Training is now available online for some courses, with the remaining courses prioritised according to requirements with delivery dates and methodology to be finalised. The status of promotion and training activities are summarised in the attached document (DASA On-line training.docx).

Establishing and certifying the initial safety requirements and standards for Defence Aviation organisations and aviation platforms/systems

Initial certification of organisations, people, platforms and systems remains largely unaffected by COVID19.

Oversight and enforcement (O&E) of Defence Aviation organisations and aviation platforms/systems, including independent boards of review

DASA is conducting remote oversight activities in lieu of onsite visits with activities heavily supported by virtual communications. Oversight and enforcement activities have been rescheduled to bring forward remote product oversight.

Remote Aviation Safety Reviews have been implemented in lieu of Airworthiness Boards

Investigation of safety events and safety issues in order to prevent re-occurrence and improve safety performance

Safety investigations are continuing where required, and are ably supported by the aviation community's local investigative capability. Any travel required is being considered on a case-by-case basis.

Provision of aviation safety management system (ASMS) products and services

The provision of ASMS products and services remains largely unaffected by COVID19. The development of oversight methodology and training material, updates to the Defence Aviation Safety Manual, and the provision of SMS advice is continuing

The provision of structural integrity engineering product and services

The provision of structural integrity products and services (SME and Authority advice) remains largely unaffected by COVID19

There have been delays / cancellation of Non-destructive Inspection Initial Employment Training. Further details will be provided as they become available.

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