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## DEFENCE AVIATION SAFETY MANUAL (DASM) SECOND EDITION 2020 RELEASE

DASA wishes to advise that the Defence Aviation Safety Manual (DASM) Second Edition 2020 was released on 14 Aug 20.

Director DFSB is the sponsor for the DASM, which is approved for release under Defence AA signature. DASM Second Edition is the second of at least three amendments planned by DFSB, phased to meet the evolving requirements of the Defence aviation community.

DASM Second Edition 2020 has been restructured into four components to align with DASR SMS (which is based on ICAO Annex 19), and rewrites each chapter into a Policy-Procedures-Guidance (PPG) format. Content changes are minor, with the primary intent of the Second Edition being alignment with DASR SMS, and are summarised in the first chapter – Background and Intent. While re-structuring of extant content into the four-component DASR SMS format is a simple concept, it represents the most profound change to the Defence ASMS in a generation. It broadens applicability, enhances interoperability, and simplifies compliance activities.

Organisations bound by the DASM have an obligation to examine the new document and rework dependent documentation, training and compliance activities. Given that DASA SMS initial assurance activities are programmed for 2021, and notwithstanding organisational stress in the current environment, such rework should be appropriately prioritised by the MAO-AM or higher command.

The DASM is online, authorised for use and can be found on the [Defence Policies and Manuals Webpage](#).

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