

# UK Aviation Exams Service Press Release

## *Aspeq secures large UK aviation exam services contract with CAA International*

Bruce Heesterman, Chief Executive, is pleased to announce that Aspeq has secured a five year contract to provide electronic examination services for UK pilot and engineer licensing. The exam services will be provided in collaboration with CAA International (CAAi), a wholly owned subsidiary of the UK CAA. CAAi has extensive experience in the provision of 'high stakes' aviation personnel licensing examinations, supporting National Aviation Authorities. CAAi are committed to deliver to the highest level of quality and as efficiently and economically as possible.



Mike Lyskey, Aspeq Director of Business Development, said;

“It has taken significant effort and hard work to build the strong relationship with CAAi and that effort has paid off with this contract. Aspeq has become the examination technology partner for CAAi and will be providing the electronic exams using existing software systems developed in New Zealand and already deployed here, in Australia and in Asia. Many people contributed to the successful award of the contract but we would also like to acknowledge the assistance provided by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) during the journey to secure the contract.”

Aviation exam services are very complex and require systems that can apply a range of rules during the processes for candidate registration and exam booking. Aspeq has developed software that can be



customised to meet the exam requirements of National Aviation Authorities around the world including Singapore, Malaysia, and Australia.

Because the UK is part of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) community, the provision of UK pilot and engineer licensing exam services must be fully compliant with EASA requirements. It is critical for the integrity of the licensing system that the exams are valid and reliable and Aspeq's ability to manage electronic question banks is another core competence that has assisted us secure the

contract. We have developed robust processes for the management and review of question banks to ensure the exams are fair and meet the regulatory standards set to ensure only the correct people pass.

Duncan Macgregor, Aspeq Project Manager for the Project with CAAi, said:

“We have built up a great relationship with the CAAi team. It is all about working in partnership to get the best result for both UK and their international candidates who sit exams for their pilot or engineer licences.”

It is a large project that will take about 12 months to fully implement. We are working towards providing the first exams in the UK in by March 2014. The technology is well proven with customers throughout Asia including Singapore, Malaysia, and Macau. A key component of the success of this project is ensuring there is good communication with the aviation industry so they know what to expect and when it is coming.”

Bruce Heesterman concludes by saying:

“Aspeq started providing aviation exam services for the New Zealand CAA over 21 years ago and has diversified beyond aviation into maritime, construction and financial services. This contract is a terrific example of using the knowledge and experience built up in New Zealand to develop world class systems and take them globally. The collaboration with CAAi is a substantial game changer for Aspeq and is expected to open up even more opportunities to provide global aviation exam services working with CAAi, itself a global organisation with an excellent international reputation.”