

GUIDANCE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE TRAINING AND THE DEMONSTRATION OF ABILITY TO COACH ON A BGA INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Background.

The BGA introduced the Flight Instructor Coach (FIC) qualification in response to a requirement under the proposed introduction of EASA Part-FCL rules in 2015. From inception, the only requirement for a BGA Full-rated instructor to become an FIC was to attend an FIC seminar with no requirement to prove they had the relevant skills to deliver instructor training.

The new-format BGA instructor course which allows all elements to be delivered by clubs, raised concerns about maintaining the standard of instructor output without the direct input of the very experienced BGA coaches who previously delivered the Module D. Additionally, the introduction of Part-SFCL brings the following requirement for an FI(S) who wishes to instruct on an instructor course as stated within SFCL.315 (a)(7)(ii):

“.... demonstrate the ability to instruct for the FI(S) certificate.....”

The Acceptable Means of Compliance – AMC1 SFCL.315(a)(7)(ii) states:

The demonstration of the ability to provide instruction during FI(S) training courses, as required by point SFCL.315(a)(7)(ii), should consist of exercises from the FI(S) training course, as selected by the supervising FI(S), and should, in any case, include all of the following:

- (a) one launch and one landing exercise;
- (b) a selection of air exercises; and
- (c) one emergency exercise.

Thus the requirements under Part-SFCL have a requirement to cover a number of Part 2 exercises. In order to ensure our current BGA standards are met and to ease transition into Part-SFCL we have introduced the following minimum requirements for anyone qualifying as a BGA FIC:

1. a valid BGA Full Instructor Rating, and
2. recommendation by CFI, and
3. attend a BGA Flight Instructor Coach seminar, and
4. receive focused training consisting of instructor course Part 2 exercises by a BGA Regional Examiner or an appointed SFCL '9 year' assessor, and in doing so demonstrate the ability to coach BGA instructors.

Delivery.

BGA Regional Examiners and Part-SFCL FICs declared to the DTO as 9-yr assessors can deliver FIC training and carry out the required assessment.

Methodology.

Training and assessing the candidate's ability to instruct trainee instructors can be carried out as a single process. Whilst Part-SFCL prescribes a minimum number of exercises that must be covered, this is NOT currently a BGA requirement, however, the supervising RE/SFCL 9yr assessor must be satisfied that the candidate has the skills to effectively train instructors.

Use of appropriate briefing techniques and a high standard of flying and instructional competencies must be in evidence throughout. Introduction and recognition of student pilot errors is an important part of instructor training and the candidate needs to be able to demonstrate these errors and how to recognise and correct them in their role as an FIC. Please emphasise that errors should be made obvious rather than subtle.

The process is not intended to be long and drawn out. The aim is for the candidate FIC to demonstrate their ability to train instructors to the required standard; training should be tailored accordingly.

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