



So, you want to convert your ICAO Flight Crew Licence to an EASA licence?

With so many different sources of information, it can be challenging to understand exactly what steps are required to convert your ICAO flight crew licence to an EASA licence; so, ASG has put together a quick guide to provide you with a roadmap to completing the licence conversion process.



First, to convert your licence to EASA, you must hold a valid and current CPL or ATPL licence issued by an ICAO member state (e.g. US FAA, SACAA, GCAA, QCAA etc). Prior to commencing the conversion process, although not mandatory until licence issue, we also recommend that you complete an EASA Class One Air Medical (EASA medical centres are available in all member states). A point to bear in mind is that wherever you choose to complete your initial medical, this will be where your EASA licence will eventually be issued. So, for example, if you choose to complete your medical in Ireland, your final EASA licence will be issued by the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA). Of course, you can change licences between EASA Authorities at a later stage but this will add additional unnecessary costs.

The conversion process involves both theoretical and practical elements which are required by EASA regardless of your previous flight hours or experience as a Pilot.



Step one: the theory element of your licence conversion

The first step towards EASA licence conversion is to successfully complete the thirteen (13) EASA ATPL theory exams. While this might seem excessive for those with significant airline experience in other jurisdictions, unfortunately these examinations are mandatory and there are no exemptions from this requirement. Only once you have completed these examinations can you commence the practical training and assessment element which will lead to issue of your EASA licence.

Completion of the EASA ATPL examinations is the most time-consuming element for most Pilots choosing to convert their licence. It can be a challenge to get back into studies for those with experience, to work through the significant volume of new and complex material, and to find the time necessary to sit the EASA examinations with an EASA Authority. The good news is that, with years of experience guiding students throughout the ATPL theory training, ASG is the ideal choice to pass your exams in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible.

We have also invested significantly into developing our own online remote learning centre ecosystem which was designed with a focus on providing those undergoing the licence conversion process with the best learning support and training to ensure a seamless ATPL theory journey for you.

Key features of the ASG learning centre include:

- Exclusive access to hundreds of hours of high-quality ATPL theory video tutorials, and hints and tips, and learning content created by ASG instructors to provide you with the learning support that you need when learning by distance learning, and to support you in every step of your ATPL theory journey in a fun and engaging way.
- Our learning centre is accessible across all devices from desktop to mobile. Everything is even downloadable for offline use so that you can review the material at any time, from anywhere.
- Unlike many other ATO's, all progress and school ATO "mock" exams required to meet ATO sign-off requirements are included in our course price (including up to two ATO exam attempts for each subject), Area 100 KSA assessments, and all of these can be completed remotely from anywhere without you having to travel.
- Access our online discussions and chat forums where you can engage with our team and other course participants.

- ✔ Included in the ASG ATPL theory course price are 10 days of intensive live revision classes to prepare you for your exams. You can book your place in our classes using our online booking system, attend our live classroom lectures remotely, and choose to complete your entire ATPL theory course without ever having to travel. We have invested in RØDE broadcast quality microphones and 4K webcams to enhance the remote learning experience.
- ✔ Access our industry leading “ATPL theory Masterclass video series” which was created by our own subject matter experts to provide you with key specific exam preparation techniques for each subject on the syllabus to help you to study smarter and achieve the best possible grades.
- ✔ You can then apply to sit for your theory exams using our online exam application portal and we can issue ATO sign-off to sit your exams under any EASA Authority.

Once you're ready to sit your EASA exams, you can apply to complete these under any EASA Authority in any EASA member state. There are also EASA examination centres available globally from Dubai to Johannesburg to the United States.

When you complete your ATPL theory course with ASG, we provide you with the necessary Approved Training Organisation (ATO) sign-off to sit for your exams. If you have in excess of 1500 hours in a Multi-Pilot Aircraft (MPA) then we provide you with a reduced price since you do not require ATO sign-off but it is still advisable that you complete the course so that you are best prepared to sit your exams.



Step two: the practical element of your licence conversion

Now that you have successfully completed the EASA ATPL theory exams, the practical element of the conversion varies depending on your level of experience and current ratings.

- ✔ **Experienced and type-rated Pilot:** if you hold a valid ATPL (A) or CPL (A) with a valid and current multi-pilot aircraft (MPA) type rating on either Airbus A320/330/350/380 or B737/757/767/777, we will arrange for you to complete your EASA LST (Licence Skills Test) with our partner ATO in a Level D Full-Flight Simulator.
- ✔ Upon successful completion of your LST, you will be issued with the necessary paperwork required to apply for issue of your EASA licence. Congratulations!
- ✔ **Pilots with no Multi-Pilot type-rating:** if you hold a valid CPL (A) with instrument rating and multi-engine piston (MEP) class rating, you will need to complete “training as required” with our partner ATO followed by a combined CPL/MEP/IR skills test. Generally, this will involve 10 dual instructional hours in a multi-engine aircraft and 5 hours in a simulator plus a Skills Test.
- ✔ Upon successful completion of your skills test, you will be issued with the necessary paperwork required to apply for your EASA licence. Congratulations!

Estimated costs to convert to an EASA licence

ATPL with valid type rating and 1500 hours on Multi-Pilot Aircraft (MPA)		ATPL or CPL with valid type rating & 500hrs on Multi-Pilot Aircraft (MPA)		CPL and IR / MEP with no valid type rating	
ATPL theory revision course with ASG (no ATO sign-off required) €2000		ATPL theory course with ASG €2700		ATPL theory course with ASG €2700	
ATPL theory books (optional)	c. €600	ATPL theory books	c. €600	ATPL theory books	c. €600
Course materials (CRP-5 flight computer and General Student Pilot Route Manual, and Question bank access)	c. €400	Course materials	c. €400	Course materials	c. €400
ATPL theory exams	From €250 to €1500 for all 13 exams (varies by authority)	ATPL theory exams	From €250 to €1500 for all 13 exams (varies by authority)	ATPL theory exams	From €250 to €1500 for all 13 exams (varies by authority)
Airbus A320/330/350 /380 or 737/757 /767/777 EASA Licencing Skills Test (LST)	c. €1800 for simulator and examiner hire.	Airbus A320/330/350 /380 or 737/757 /767/777 EASA Licencing Skills Test (LST)	c. €1800 for simulator and examiner hire.	20hrs (6hrs for MEP, 5hrs for IR, 5hrs for CPL plus EASA Skills Test)	€8500
EASA Licence verification and issue fee	c. €600 (varies by Authority)	EASA Licence verification and issue fee	c. €600 (varies by Authority)	EASA Licence verification and issue fee	c. €600 (varies by Authority)
Total	€5750	Total	€6450	Total	€13150

Please note that these prices are to provide you with a general overview of the expected cost of your EASA licence conversion. The exact prices for each training element may vary depending on your performance in training and a variety of other external factors. You will also need to consider the cost of accommodation, transportation, and subsistence expenses.

However, in all cases for your EASA licence conversion, the first step on the road towards your EASA licence is to commence your EASA ATPL theory, and with ASG, you have come to the right place.

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