

THE PILOT COACHING SCHEME

What's Available To Suit Your Own Requirements

The LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme (PCS) is now firmly established as a means of improving pilot skills and therefore safety and the enjoyment of flying. Coaches with extensive flying experience in LAA aircraft are located around the country and are available to help you with the wide range of coaching tutorials that are on offer.

The PCS core curriculum centres on coaching for the award of LAA Diplomas at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels in:

General Flying:

- Light aircraft that might qualify for a C of A

Special Type Flying:

- Home or kit built designs that would not qualify for a C of A

Strip Flying:

- Light single-engine types capable of operating from strips

Diplomas recognise and reward prestigious flying achievement. To be accepted for a Diploma Tutorial, a pilot should have completed at least 50 hours PIC on the type of aircraft, or a similar type, to be used for the Tutorial. With this experience a pilot could achieve a Bronze Diploma. For a Silver Diploma the hours needed are 150 and for a Gold Diploma 250. A Strip Flying Conversion may be undertaken by pilots with less than 50 hours PIC on a specific or similar type, provided, in the opinion of the LAA, their total and recent flying experience is judged to be sufficient for this demanding type of flying. The Strip Flying Diploma Syllabus would be used by the coach, but no Diploma Award would be made in these cases.

Additionally, the PCS offers Type Conversion of some five hours flying which includes supervised solo flying. Refresher Flying after a non-flying period, or to brush up on basic flying skills is also available through the Scheme. Group owners may arrange Refresher Flying with a coach as a 'package deal' for say three or four members over a couple of days to bring all group members up to speed. Alternatively, a one day refresher on the same aircraft for one or two group members can be arranged.

APPLY NOW AND BECOME A SAFER AND MORE PROFICIENT PILOT