

## Post Covid-19 Lockdown Airborne Again

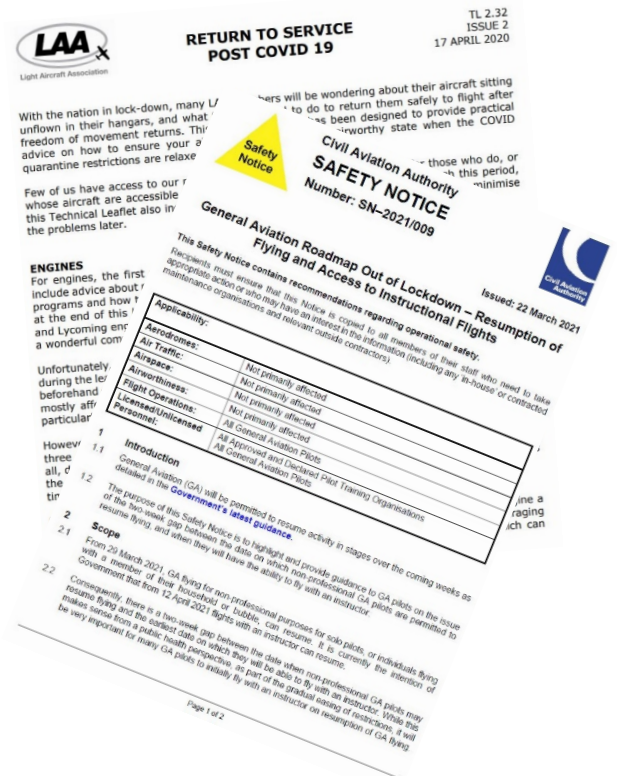
With the resumption of GA flying for solo pilots or individuals flying with a member of their household starting from 29<sup>th</sup> March in line with the relaxation of the "Stay at Home" mandate the UK CAA have published Safety Notice SN-2021/009. This highlights the two-week gap between the date on which non-professional GA pilots are permitted to resume flying, and when they will have the ability to fly with an instructor.

From 29<sup>th</sup> March pilots will be able to resume flying for non-professional purposes but will not be able to fly with an instructor until the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

There has been an unprecedented lack of GA activity over the last 12 months as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. While there are many pilots who have (or think they have) experience and skills to safely return to flying, it will be very important for many GA pilots to initially fly with an instructor. If you feel apprehensive or uncomfortable, we recommend you wait till April 12<sup>th</sup> when a flight with an LAA coach or instructor is available.

In 2020 LAA Engineering also produced Technical Leaflet TL 2.32 *Return to Service Post Covid-19* designed to provide practical advice on how to ensure your aircraft is in a safe and airworthy state when the Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed. As both you and your aircraft may have been laid up for an extended period perhaps the safest start to the new flying season should begin with a thorough inspection, wash, and a good session of hangar flying re-acquainting yourself with the cockpit and planning your first sortie or calling on the services of an LAA coach or local instructor.

SN-2021/005 may be downloaded [HERE](#)  
TL 2.32 may be downloaded [HERE](#)  
The GASCo safety course may be accessed from the GASCo homepage [HERE](#)  
Find your local LAA coach [HERE](#)



**RETURN TO SERVICE POST COVID 19**  
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SAFETY NOTICE  
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**General Aviation Roadmap Out of Lockdown - Resumption of Flying and Access to Instructional Flights**  
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Category	Applicability
Aeroplanes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All General Aviation Pilots All Approved and Licensed Pilot Training Organisations All General Aviation Pilots

**Introduction**  
1.1 General Aviation (GA) will be permitted to resume activity in stages over the coming weeks as detailed in the **Government's latest guidance**.

**Scope**  
2.1 From 29 March 2021, GA flying for non-professional purposes for solo pilots, or individuals flying with a member of their household or bubble, can resume. It is currently the intention of the Government that from 12 April 2021 GA pilots are permitted to resume flying and the earliest date on which they will be able to fly with an instructor will be very important for many GA pilots to initially fly with an instructor on resumption of GA flying.



GASCo have produced a short course to assist pilots in their preparation to start flying after a longer than usual break. The course takes the form of an interactive presentation and will take about 20 minutes to complete. It is available on their website [gasco.org.uk](http://gasco.org.uk)