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## **CAA appoints Frazer-Nash to lead pilot training review**

Frazer-Nash has been appointed by the Civil Aviation Authority to carry out a review of pilot training.

The review will take into account recent training studies and examine potential improvements to inform policy on the issue internationally. It will consider all aspects of training from private pilot licences to professional flying of both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

The CAA review comes as the effectiveness of pilot training has come under scrutiny following international aviation accidents such as Air France 447, Colgan Air and Asiana San Francisco where pilot training was cited as a contributory factor.

Graham Greene, Research Project Manager at the CAA added: "The performance of pilots is of fundamental importance in aviation safety – and the key to the standard of a pilot's performance is the quality of the training. Frazer-Nash's experienced team will provide us with an insightful international overview of the overall direction and philosophy of pilot training."

Frazer-Nash was chosen to lead the review because of the consultancy's expert team of consultants which brings together the right mix of human factors and air safety expertise combined with in-house military and civil pilot training experience.

Tim Andrews, Aerospace Business Manager for Frazer-Nash, explained: "Our aim is to conduct a thorough review and present a clear evidence-base which the CAA can use to develop informed policy to address key risk areas and highlight good practices to the international aviation community."

The CAA expects to publish the findings of Frazer-Nash's research in early 2016.

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## Notes for editors

### **The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)**

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### **The need for a pilot training review**

The effectiveness of pilot training has come under increased scrutiny following accidents such as Air France 447, Colgan Air and Asiana San Francisco, where pilot training appears to have been a factor in the accident circumstances. Additionally there is much anecdotal evidence that pilots now starting their careers have been exposed to different overall informal and formal training experiences compared with previous generations of pilots. These issues have been recognised by a number of organisations internationally and a number of research initiatives have been put in place in order to explore different aspects of training.

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