

## **THE CASA INDIGENOUS PILOT SAFETY SCHOLARSHIP**

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The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is Australia's national aviation safety regulator, responsible for maintaining and enhancing the safety of civil aviation across the country. CASA works closely with pilots, aircraft operators, maintenance organisations, aerodromes and industry stakeholders to develop and enforce aviation safety standards, oversee compliance with aviation regulations, and promote a strong safety culture throughout the sector. Through education, engagement and regulatory oversight, CASA helps ensure that Australians can have confidence in a safe, efficient and sustainable aviation industry.

As part of its commitment to supporting the future of aviation, CASA is dedicated to fostering a diverse and skilled workforce. Through initiatives such as the Indigenous Pilot Scholarship, CASA aims to create greater opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to pursue careers in aviation, helping to strengthen industry capability while promoting greater representation across the aviation sector.

### **INFORMATION**

The purpose of the scholarship is to financially support an eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person to obtain an Australian Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) or a CPL related rating under Part 61 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (qualification).

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. (you may be asked to provide suitable evidence)
- hold a CPL and be working towards an operational rating;
- or have flown solo and passed at least one CPL theory exam (this includes applicants studying in an integrated course)
- Hold a current aviation medical, Special Class 2 or above - provide a copy
- Provide a copy of the last 2 pages – both sides – of your logbook

## **The CASA Indigenous Pilot Safety Scholarship 2027 APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 JANUARY 2027**

- Provide evidence of being an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or reside in Australia
- Provide an essay which includes your passion for aviation and why you should be awarded this scholarship.
- Applicants must also not have a current scholarship towards flight training from any other association or body.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:**

The scholarship is valued at up to **\$7500**. Scholarship funds can be used for flying training and exam costs, specifically towards gaining a CPL or CPL endorsement.

The scholarship term commences at announcement on 3rd of April 2027 and ends 30 June 2028. Additionally, any relevant training conducted immediately after applications close may be claimed as well. This effectively widens the term of the scholarship from 1 February 2027 to 30 June 2028.

Scholarship funds may either be paid directly to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator, or the applicant may have scholarships funds reimbursed to them if proof of payment to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator is provided.

The successful applicant will be announced at the Awards and Presentation Dinner on 3rd of April 2027 in Orange NSW..

### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:**

Applications are to be submitted electronically via the website.

Closure date: **31st of January 2027**

*Note: Late applications will not be accepted.*

If you need technical assistance please contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

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**Each applicant can apply for a maximum of four scholarships and may be awarded one conference attendance and one general scholarship.**