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Advice of future amendment to CAO's

Dear CFI

We have received notification of a CASA project to amend CAO 95.55 in order to clarify operations by RA-Aus pilots and RA-Aus aircraft in active military restricted areas.

The amendments will clarify that active restricted military airspace is to be considered the same as Class C airspace for flight planning purposes. Therefore, the requirements of CAO 95.55 paragraph 7.3 apply in order for RA-Aus pilot Certificate holders to enter or transit this airspace. In brief, paragraph 7.3 states that the pilot must hold a current CASA licence endorsed with CTA approval and a current Class 2 medical. In addition, the aircraft must comply with the requirements of the paragraph (7.3), including the maintenance requirements of a calibrated transponder and altimeter and certified engine. We encourage all CFI's to refer to this section for full information.

On a VTC, military airspace generally has a designated Class C area, which is the primary control zone around the aerodrome, while the outer area of restricted airspace does not generally have a Class C restriction depicted. The intention of this arrangement is to allow pilots to transit the restricted areas when not activated without needing Class C approval. Areas which are affected include but are not limited to: Edinburgh, Amberley, Nowra, Williamtown, Oakey, Pearce, Richmond, Townsville, Darwin, Holsworthy, East Sale, Point Cook, Shoalwater Bay and Tindal.

We expect that CASA's amendments will also assist the controllers of the military airspace to understand our specific CAO requirements. Accordingly, this may limit the amount of 'verbal approvals' given to those RA-Aus pilots that are not complying with paragraph 7.3 of CAO 95.55. In the event of an incident or accident, should the requirements of paragraph 7.3 be found not to be met, potentially serious liability and insurance ramifications could ensue.

The intent of this email is to clearly outline the requirements and to request you circulate this information to RA-Aus members operating at your aerodrome or airstrip, at local clubs and organisations. This information should also be included in navigation training for Pilot Certificate holders. Additionally, we will include articles covering this point in future issues of Sport Pilot.

Sincerely

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