



Caucasus Flying Club

Corporate Plan – 2025



Introduction

Thank you for reading and taking an interest in our Corporate Plan for the year 2025. This document details the plans for Caucasus Flying Club in 2025. As a new and currently unpartnered organisation, our primary goals are centred around the establishment of the club, and setting up essential services and resources. This will be expanded upon throughout the document.

The creation of this club has been inspired largely by a similar group in the XU region, 'Virtual Aero Club', which has grown to 30 members. This club has seen great success in promoting VFR flights across the UK, particularly with group flights, and has also led to a rise in the number of members attempting and passing pilot exams.

At this stage, the club has established a Managing Director, Charlie Walton 724364, and a Deputy Managing Director, Harrison Banks 730828. We have also recruited two members of training staff, Erdem Akbulut, a Senior Private Pilot and IVAO Trainer/Examiner, and Weviton Benevidas Sales, a Private Pilot and former IVAO staff member. In addition, we have begun establishing a small community on Discord consisting, at this stage, of friends with an interest in joining the club. This has already grown to 9 members (as of 21/01/2025). We have also started the branding process, drafting logos.

Backend Establishment

The primary goals for establishment prior to attempting to register as an IVAO partner VA are setting up staff, a domain, a website, and email addresses.

In the instance of staff, the founder Charlie Walton 724364 is taking the role of Managing Director. With an IVAO Private Pilot License, and prior experience as an IVAO (XO) Trainer, Charlie will also be a Flight Instructor. Harrison Banks 730828 has been appointed Deputy Managing Director. Harrison has experience as a staff member in the 'Skyward Airlines' IVAO VA as the Webmaster, therefore Harrison's primary responsibility at this time is preparing the website. Both staff members are currently XO members, with the intention of transferring to the XT region within the next few months. Though not necessarily a requirement, both staff members believe the Club will benefit from having locally based staff.

Caucasus Flying Club has procured a domain 'caucasusflyingclub.com', and established email addresses for staff using this domain. A basic first release of the website has been released, which consists of the required information as per IVAO VA policies, including a copy of the GDPR Privacy Policy, and a page detailing staff members. In addition to this, we have some basic information regarding the club, and links to contact us, including an email address and discord link.

We intend to apply for the callsign 'Maral' (ICAO: XTM, no IATA). We have chosen Maral as an animal which is a staple of the region found across the Caucasus mountains. The three-letter code represents the XT IVAO division, and M for Maral. Importantly, it is unique and does not conflict with real life callsigns, according to our research.



Goals

Caucasus Flight Club has two primary goals: flight training and GA leisure flying. At this time, CFC has no intention of undertaking any commercial flight operations, although this is an avenue we are open to exploring in the future.

In terms of training, the training will be focused on GA aircraft operations. To start with, we will provide training relevant to the competencies of the IVAO PP exam. Being a Club based in the XT region, the curriculum will focus on Armenian, Georgian, and Azerbaijani air law. We will provide detailed training for Diamond DA40 aircraft. The DA40 has been chosen as a simple and good single engine prop aircraft eligible for the IVAO Private Pilots exam. Additionally, it provides easy and natural progression on the DA42/62 series aircraft, for any students wishing to take the Senior Private Pilot license.

In the near future, we would like to expand our curriculum to cover the IVAO Senior Private Pilot license qualification. Before we progress onto that stage, we need to ensure that instructors are suitably qualified, in terms of passing IVAO examinations and gaining local knowledge. We also need to prioritise providing training material for the Private Pilot exam before we progress onto the Senior Private Pilot exam.

We would also explore the possibilities of adding supplementary training material, such as aviation languages including English & Russian, however this is a long-term goal and not something we will initially be considering.

In terms of training delivery, we are looking at Moodle as a likely platform for providing theoretical training. We may also look to supplement this with wiki.js, as a familiar platform to IVAO users. Both platforms are free to use and setup, and as such are practical solutions for Caucasus Flying Club.

The other goal of Caucasus Flying Club is GA leisure flying. This will be through group flights, but also solo flights using our callsign. Like real flying clubs, we won't enforce a minimum flying hours on our members, and we aren't currently intending to use a VA management/PIREP system, as our operation is more casual than a normal 'VA'.

Further to GA flying, we will look to support ATC trainings and exams in the region, and potentially in other regions too, by providing light aircraft traffic, including both VFR & IFR. Published trainings and exams will be promoted across our discord server, maximizing publicity and increasing traffic numbers during training.

Staff

As previously mentioned, we currently have 4 members of staff. In addition, we are looking to recruit a Director for each nation. The role of this position will be to manage operations specifically within their own country. A requirement for each position is good knowledge of the local language. Although exams will always be conducted in English, and we will teach aviation English to ICAO standards, for accessibility we want to make course content available in local languages as well, particularly to help those who are not yet confident in English. We currently do not have any other vacancies, however we will assess the need for more staff as we progress.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is your purpose?

We have two primary goals: to provide independent flight training; and to create a friendly GA community in the South Caucasus region.

What do you mean by “independent” flight training?

We provide the highest standard of flight training to help members prepare for and pass ICAO Private Pilot exams. We achieve this through our team of instructors, all of which have passed at least one ICAO practical pilot exam, using material such as the ICAO wiki, AIPs of respective countries, and aircraft manuals. We also provide type training on Diamond DA40 aircraft. We are an organisation independent of ICAO, and do not provide “official” ICAO pilot training.

Which ratings do you provide training for?

At this moment in time, we only provide (unofficial) training for the ICAO Private Pilot rating.

Which languages do you provide training in?

Training is provided in English. You will be assessed on your English competency in the PP exam.

Which Airports do you operate from?

Our bases are Shirak (UDSG), Telavi (UGGT), and Ganja (UBBG).

Can I become a Flight Instructor?

Yes! You need your ICAO PP+, and to demonstrate good knowledge of GA activities in the Caucasus.

Will my Flight Instructor be my examiner for the exam?

No. Exams are provided solely by ICAO, not Caucasus Flying Club.

Which aircraft do you use?

For training, we use the Diamond DA40. As a member of our club you are welcome to use your own light aircraft!

Do you have a callsign?

At this time, we do not have a registered callsign, and use registrations instead.

I am not based in the XT region, can I still join your club/learn to fly here?

Of course, but be aware that we will teach you rules according to the three nations of the XT region.

Which PIREP/Management system do you use?

Due to the nature of our operations being GA/flight training based, we do not currently utilise a PIREP/management system.

**subject to change on registration as an official ICAO VA.*