

SAAA Membership

The nuts, bolts, opportunities and benefits

SAAA supports members with aircraft builds, flight operations and maintenance.

And we have lots of fun!!

Chapter network

Build support

Aircraft registration & maintenance

Pilot licensing

Flight ops support & training

Insurance

Member Air Assist

Build and fly aircraft amongst a seriously experienced community with a will to help each other – the SAAA spirit!

If you're thinking about building your own aircraft, then the SAAA is your best starting point.

SAAA is likely the most cost effective & expert supported environment to build, maintain & fly Experimental category aircraft.

Check out our member support capability – experience abounds amongst the SAAA Community.

Annual SAAA membership:

 Please ask our team for current fees

The SAAA network:

- Hundreds of experienced builders and pilots readily on hand to help others learn and fly their dreams
- Part of the SAAA fabric and community spirit – almost 30 'hubs' around the country; some Chapters charge a small annual fee to cover social events
- Most hubs have some of their own tools that are shared among members

Build support:

- Expert support available from our Technical Counsellors (TCs) – we have around 70 TCs
- \$nil service fee; discretionary cover for TC travel expenses; TC program is SAAA managed
- Several sets of aircraft weighing scales available around the country for nominal hire charge

Special Certificates of Airworthiness (SCoAs) issuance:

- SAAA's own Authorised Persons, delegated by CASA to issue SCoAs

 we have almost 20 APs
- Approx. \$700 for basic day VFR ops; up to \$1600 with NVFR / IFR and no flight area restrictions (these are once-only costs; SAAA administered; CASA regulated)

Aircraft registration:

 one-off cost for VH-mark and aircraft registration; no recurrent costs; CASA managed. SAAA members operate just like any other VH aircraft owner in this respect

Aircraft maintenance:

- Expert support available from our TCs
- If you built >50% of an aircraft or similar, you can do your own maintenance – your costs can be limited to cost of parts and consumables, but you have to complete a one time Maintenance Procedures Course at a cost \$550 (regulated by CASA)

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What are you waiting for?

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If you would like to talk to us – just call 02-6889-7777 and our friendly Membership Services Team will help you explore the opportunities that are available as an SAAA member.

- If you cannot claim to have built >50% of your aircraft or similar, or do not wish to do your own maintenance, then you would need to engage services of a LAME – although CASA Sched 8 allows basic 'pilot / owner maintenance' to be carried out (oil changes, tyres etc) without a maintenance approval
- SAAA is working towards developing a
 Maintenance Techniques Course that will, with
 CASA approval, qualify aircraft owners who do not
 meet the >50% build content to conduct their
 own annual inspections

Pilot Licensing:

 All managed by CASA – all the opportunity a pilot aspires to grasp; from RPL, VFR to IFR and commercial. (SAAA members can operate just like any other Part 61 licensed pilot).

Flight Ops Support:

- SAAA has a network of Flight Safety Advisors (FSAs)
 they offer support around all matters flight ops
- Our FSAs assist with everything from aircraft selection, training planning, flight safety systems, flight test planning and also act as Safety Pilots and Mentoring Flight Trainers
- Many of our FSAs are accredited Flight Instructors and Test Pilots
- \$nil service fee

Flight Training:

- SAAA has its own CASA approved Type Transition Training program (instructors hold FIRs IAW Pt 61); \$nil service fee for most SAAA instructors; discretionary cover for FSA travel expenses
- SAAA does not offer ab-initio or aircraft feature or pilot rating training

Insurance:

- SAAA does not operate or underwrite its own limited or comprehensive insurance offering
- SAAA does, however, offer an option for SAAA members to insure through QBE which can be an attractive option depending on the scope of cover you are looking for
- The QBE Aviation Insurance offer for SAAA members is linked to the SAAA Member Support Program which involves commitment, with SAAA support, to improving safety outcomes

Other Benefits of Membership:

 SAAA offers many other valuable propositions to its members, from discounted fuel schemes to attractive freight deals, competitive foreign exchange services, Member Air Assist, classifieds and much more.

^{*} All information presented is current at 15th May 2025 and may be subject to change