



Excellentia

Airline Academy



South Africa's Fastest Growing
Professional Pilot Training Academy



Fly Excellentia

Excellentia Airline Academy (EAA) was originally conceptualised in November 2021, with the intention of being an investment holding company to consolidate the best South African flight training schools. The South African aviation sector is highly respected in the global arena, but existing South African training schools have tended to be smaller “mom and pop” type ventures. EAA will be bringing a larger corporatised approach with proper economies of scale.

EAA was founded by passionate aviation entrepreneurs, together with a management and ownership team consisting of experienced aviators with both commercial and military experience.

EAA recognised early on that there was going to be huge demand for newly qualified pilots in a post Covid world, both for commercial and freighter

fleets worldwide. To meet this demand, the airline industry will have to invest in a steady pipeline of newly qualified personnel to cater both for this inevitable growth, and to replace those retiring or leaving the industry.

The demand for aviation services globally is way beyond the current capacity and has been exacerbated by the biggest orders in history for Boeing and Airbus. EAA are targeting to have trained over 6,000 pilots by 2030.





Our Fleet

EAA operate a growing fleet of nearly 30 aircraft and counting, including the Cessna 172, Piper Archer, Piper Seneca 111, Diamond DA20-C1, and Diamond DA42 Twinstar. We are thrilled to be adding the fantastic new 2-seater Sling NGT (New Generation Trainer), growing the fleet to over 100 within the next 18 months and 200 within three years. All of the growth in primary trainers will come from the addition of more Sling NGT aircraft – five Sling NGTs are being delivered to EAA by end September/early October 2025. The expanding fleet of Sling NGT trainers, with their excellent 100 hp Rotax 912 iS engine, spacious wide-view cockpit and full suite of modern Garmin avionics, is setting the standard for the pilot training industry worldwide.

With our wide variety of aircraft, highly experienced instructors and state-of-the-art flight simulators, EAA is leading the way in South African pilot training programmes.

“ Adding
170 new Sling
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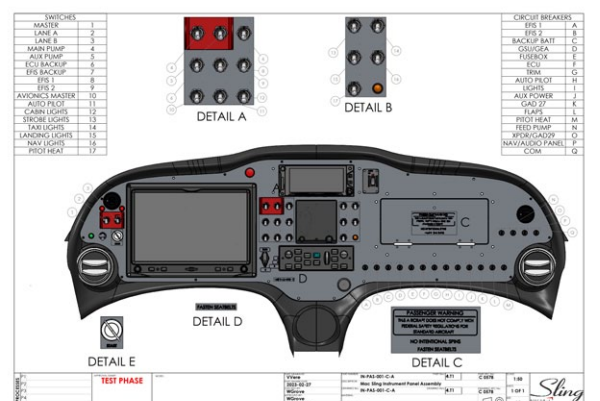


The Sling NGT

The wide cockpit, excellent all-around view, and best-in-class handling and manoeuvrability, makes the Sling NGT a truly first-class training aircraft. Spacious, comfortable and equipped with cutting edge technology, including the latest Garmin avionics, the Sling NGT is crafted from aviation-grade aluminium and extraordinary lengths have been taken to engineer an aircraft that is safe, reliable, durable, and of course, fun to fly.

Sling NGT avionics come with fully integrated EFIS and autopilot, radio and transponder, with 2020-compliant ADS-B available and live weather and traffic alerts.

The powerplant is a 100 hp Rotax 912 iS engine, the best power-to-weight ratio engine in its class, equipped with a 3-blade DUC FLASH propeller.



Piper Archer & Seneca 111



EAA also operate the Piper Archer and Piper Seneca III, two aircraft globally recognised for their reliability, comfort, and consistent flight characteristics. The Piper Archer is a popular single-engine trainer, ideal for foundational flight training due to its responsive handling and forgiving nature. The twin-engine Piper Seneca III offers advanced training in multi-engine operations, providing students with valuable experience in complex aircraft systems.

Diamond DA20-C1 & DA42 Twinstar



We also offer training in the Diamond DA20-C1 and DA42 Twin Star - aircraft known for their modern design, fuel efficiency, and excellent handling. The DA20-C1 is a sleek, responsive single-engine trainer, perfect for initial flight training. The DA42 Twin Star is a high-performance twin-engine aircraft, ideal for multi-engine and instrument training. Both aircraft provide a safe, modern, and professional training platform for aspiring pilots.

Cessna 172



The Cessna 172 Skyhawk is the most popular single-engine aircraft ever built and an excellent training aircraft for student pilots.

Flights Simulators



EAA own and operate three state-of-the-art simulators to provide extended single and twin engine instrument training.



Pilot Training Courses

EAA offer the full range of pilot training courses, including Private Pilot Licence (PPL), Night Rating, Instrument Rating, Multi-Engine, Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL), and Instructor Rating. We also offer hour building packages, ground school classes, DFE flight testing, and A320 and Boeing 737 series simulator training. Student accommodation and transportation packages are also available.

By combining expert instruction, real-world experience, and strong airline partnerships, EAA are committed to developing skilled, confident pilots - welcoming students from all over the world.



New Acquisitions



With financial backing from one of South Africa's largest banks, EAA have acquired two long established Lanseria flight schools, Aeronav Academy and Skyhawk Aviation, and is fully funded for further fleet expansion.

EAA, through the flight schools it has acquired, has been training pilots for almost 40 years and operates out of two key locations in Johannesburg, South Africa - Grand Central Airport (GCJ) and Lanseria Airport (HLA). We see these two flight schools as the starting point for growth, with our growing fleet of Sling NGTs adding the extra capacity to expand our operations.



Aeronav Academy

(Owned and Operated by EAA)

Aeronav Academy is a well-known and long-established name in the aviation training industry in South Africa. Aeronav provides students with safe, quality flight training, a ground school staffed with highly qualified lecturers, and a team of dedicated staff to ensure flight training is conducted seamlessly in a professional and friendly environment.

Aeronav has one of the most modern fleets in South Africa, and has an excellent reputation for fun, efficient and cost-effective training programmes. The primary fleet consists of the Diamond DA20 Eclipse and multi-engine training is completed on the Diamond DA42 Twinstar. The classic Cessna 172 is also available to complement our more modern composite aircraft.

Aeronav's fleet will be supplemented with Sling NGT trainers, with the Slings progressively replacing the legacy trainers over the next few years.

For more information contact info@aeronav.co.za



Skyhawk Aviation

(Owned and Operated by EAA)

Skyhawk Aviation provides the full portfolio of pilot training programmes, with training conducted at Lanseria International Airport. The benefits of training in this environment are numerous, but above all, it empowers students with the knowledge and confidence to excel in any airspace, anywhere in the world.

Newly qualified commercial pilots are well placed to connect with charter operators, who operate alongside Skyhawk at Lanseria.

Skyhawk have also expanded their operations to Grand Central Airport in the EAA facility, opening up additional training slot availability.

Skyhawk currently conduct all training on traditional flight instrument equipped Cessna 172 and Piper Seneca aircraft. These aircraft will be supplemented with, and progressively replaced by, Sling NGTs over the next few years.

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Our Location

Based in Johannesburg, our flight school offers world-class pilot training in one of the best flying environments on earth. We provide a supportive, friendly atmosphere where aspiring aviators from around the world can thrive.

Whether starting with a PPL or aiming for commercial placement, our comprehensive training programmes are designed to launch successful aviation careers. We're committed to our students' journey every step of the way, with personalised instruction, industry-leading facilities, and a proven track record of graduate success. Our strong relationships with top regional and international airlines help fast-track our students into early career positions, turning dreams of flight into lasting professional achievement.

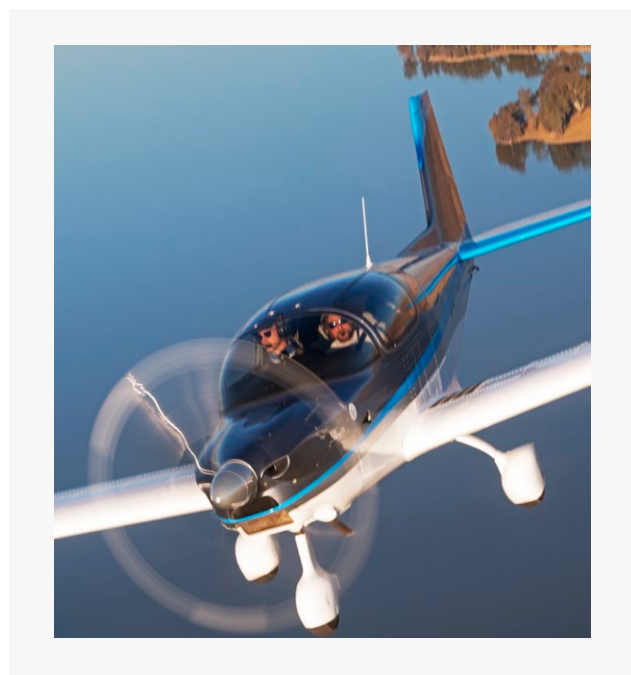
EAA have leased a 2,000 sqm hanger and office facilities at Grand Central Airport, which is now our new head office. Grand Central also allows for a significant expansion of our training capacity, there being fewer flight restrictions than at the busier commercial airport of Lanseria. We have an existing Approved Maintenance Organisation (AMO) at Lanseria and will be establishing an AMO at our Head Office facility at Grand Central.



Safety

Safety is the foundation of everything we do. Our training programmes adhere to the highest international aviation standards, with rigorous maintenance protocols, continuous instructor oversight, and a culture of proactive risk management.

We foster an environment where students and staff are encouraged to speak up, ask questions, and prioritise safety above all else - on the ground and in the air.





Lifestyle

Accommodation, transport, and post-training employment support are available, including the option to join the training staff on completion of the Instructors Rating course, ensuring a complete, career-focused experience from day one.

EAA have a number of accommodation options available to students within easy reach of both Lanseria and Grand Central Airports.





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