

31 JANUARY 2014

## MEDIA RELEASE

### AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE PILOT ACADEMY GAINS UAE ACCREDITATION AS FLIGHT TRAINING ORGANISATION

The Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Regional Express (Rex), announced today that it had received approval from the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) as an approved Flight Training Organisation to conduct Integrated Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) training for UAE carriers.

AAPA Chairman Dale Hall said, "This approval is further affirmation of AAPA's reputation as one of the finest flight training establishments for professional airline pilots. AAPA now becomes one of only three non UAE-based flight training organisations worldwide approved by the GCAA and the first approved to conduct ATPL training."

"AAPA had also been selected by Jeppesen (part of Boeing Training and Flight Services) to be one of its global partners in aviation flight training. AAPA currently conducts cadet pilot training programmes for its parent company Rex and recently conducted Multi Crew Pilot Licence (MPL) core flying training for cadets of Air Arabia."

AAPA is located in Wagga Wagga, an hour's flight from Sydney. Its campus has capacity for up to 200 cadets in a fully integrated environment where the classrooms, simulators, hangars, workshops and accommodation blocks are all custom built around an ILS-equipped runway.

In Australia, AAPA is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and is accredited to deliver the Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Flight Operations). It is also on the Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). Further and complete information is available at its website [www.aapa.net.au](http://www.aapa.net.au)

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 35 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

**Rex Media Contact: Corporate Communications – +61 402 438 361**



**Registered Training  
Organisation**  
RTO Provider No: 91646

