

Activity specific requirements for Direct Accreditation of Qualified Entities for CEI: 2025.01

1. Activity specific requirements for Flight Testing				
1.1 Activity	Flight Testing			
1.2 Description	Technical experts provide certification and continued airworthiness activities in different technical domains, which are organised in 19 panels, one out of which is the Panel 1 - Flight Test and Human Factors . EASA is looking for experts to support the flight testing of the following product categories: Aeroplanes, Rotorcraft, Balloons, Airship and (Powered) Sailplanes.			
	General expert tasks range from verifying the involvement and retaining compliance demonstration items, establishing the certification basis, validating the certification programme, and agreeing on the methods of compliance and issuing the statement of satisfaction.			
	Experts working within a specific product category should demonstrate the level of expertise and knowledge from the category. Should the expert be assigned to a project within a different product category the corresponding requirements shall apply.			
1.3 Roles	E. Flight Test Pilot (FTP) F. Flight Test Engineer (FTE)			
1.4 Responsibilities	Support the certification and continued airworthiness activities, within their disciplines and domain of expertise by Participation in flight test activities verifying the involvement and retaining compliance demonstration items, establishing of the certification basis, validating the certification programme, agreeing on the methods of compliance and issuing the statement of satisfaction, advising on potential corrective actions and mitigating actions in CAW.			



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2. The nominated experts shall meet the following role specific requirements

The applicant shall propose at least two eligible Flight Test Pilots (FTP), or at least two eligible Flight Test Engineers (FTE).

The applicant shall provide a CV and supporting documents for nominated experts upon requests.

All eligible experts shall take part in an **interview** with the agency (on-site or remote).

Role	E. Flight Test Pilot (FTP)		
	Requirement description	Evidence	
E.01	Planning/project management skills Team management (applicable only in case of team leaders or any other role where team management is required) Programming Function, e.g., plan projects, deal with workload and priorities Conflict management Drafting reports	Nominated expert CV List a description of involvement in projects, including role and tasks performed	
E.02	Sound IT skills	Nominated expert CV List IT applications which expert can competently use	
E.03	Very good command of both written and spoken English, particularly technical/aviation English.	Ascertained during interview Copy of pertinent qualification/certificate if available	
E.04	Initial qualification: Graduated from an EASA approved Flight Test School or Equivalent training organisation or Appropriate university degree (preferably Master in Aerospace Engineering) Experience: Appropriate experience in performance and handling qualities flight testing	Copy of graduation certificate Description and evidence of experience Shall have documented knowledge/experience Appropriateness of experience to be assessed on a case-by-case basis	
E.05	Maximum age requirement for flight test pilots: Flight testing activities are conditioned to a maximum age requirement of 60 years at time of application. Applications above 60 years old can be considered on a case-by-case basis.	Copy of Identity Document	
E.06	Flight Test Pilot must hold a Flight Test Rating (FTR) on their licence if they intend to perform their duties on aircraft certified or to be certified in accordance with CS-23 for aircraft with a maximum take-off mass (MTOM) of or above 2 000 kg, CS-25, CS-27, CS-29 or equivalent airworthiness codes.	Copy of license	
E.07	Valid appropriate Medical Certificate	Copy of Medical Certificate	



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Role	F. Flight Test Engineer (FTE)		
	Requirement description	Evidence	
F.01	Planning/project management skills Team management (applicable only in case of team leaders or any other role where team management is required) Programming Function, e.g., plan projects, deal with workload and priorities Conflict management Drafting reports	Nominated expert CV List a description of involvement in projects, including role and tasks performed	
F.02	Sound IT skills	Nominated expert CV List IT applications which expert can competently use	
F.03	Very good command of both written and spoken English, particularly technical/aviation English.	Ascertained during interview Copy of pertinent qualification/certificate if available	
F.04	Initial qualification:	Copy of graduation certificate Description and evidence of experience Shall have documented knowledge/experience Appropriateness of experience to be assessed on a case-by-case basis	