

KMAS Flight Instructor Application

1. A KMAS member interested in becoming a Flight Instructor must meet the following qualifications prior to applying:

- ✓ Must be a safe confident pilot, demonstrating competent flying skills that have been seen by the executive and existing instructors
- ✓ Must be respected by his/her peers, both existing instructors and regular club members
- ✓ Must have the ability to teach and have the ability to transfer knowledge effectively. Being a good pilot does not necessarily mean you have the ability to teach
- ✓ Must enjoy teaching and the challenges that go with it
- ✓ Must understand the time commitment. Be willing to give up flying time and be prepared to make consistent attendance at the flying field for consistency of instruction to the student pilot
- ✓ Must demonstrate an ability to make necessary changes to the approach in instruction if, and when, required
- ✓ Must be able to lead by example and be able to create confidence by positive reinforcement and encouragement
- ✓ Must have good ground safety etiquette
- ✓ Must follow safety guidelines in all aspects of flying
- ✓ Must have a calm demeanour while on the flight line
- ✓ Should be personable i.e. have an 'easy to get along with' personality
- ✓ Preferably have experience in a competitive event, to understand standard manoeuvres and disciplined flying
- ✓ Preferably have successful past experience teaching adults, in some capacity, that includes one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Must be able to do basic manoeuvres well. Take off and land both ways, good approaches, basic ovals and figure 8s both ways, dead stick landings and the ability to get out of trouble e.g. student gets disorientated, too far away, or out of control
- ✓ Must understand, and practice, good maintenance procedures and be able to troubleshoot common power systems problems
- ✓ Must have an understanding of the set up of flight control surfaces, engines etc, as set up may need to be adjusted to suit the student pilot
- ✓ Must be familiar with the set up and special characteristics of gas, glow and electric engines. This can be accomplished with the help from a gas, glow or electric 'pilot'
- ✓ Must be familiar with basic transmitter programming options
- ✓ Must be able to set up a Buddy Box with a student
- ✓ Should have a good understanding of basic aerodynamics and Theory of Flight
- ✓ Must be willing and able to follow the Flight Training Manual

2. A written application detailing their modelling and flying experience shall be submitted to the KMAS Executive.
3. The KMAS Executive will consult with the existing instructors and solicit their feedback, regarding the applicant, prior to granting initial approval.
4. After a probationary period, the KMAS Executive will review the applicant's performance with the existing instructors and jointly decide to accept or deny the application, or recommend further instructing experience.