

Why There is No Approval Available for EASA Regulatory Training Organisations?

Introduction

Sofema Aviation Services (SAS) www.sassofia.com commenced activities in 2008 and to date (Jun 2022) we have issued certificates to over 60,000 persons including members of many regulatory authorities. (Example – Irish & Norwegian)

Our Training Material is Dual Function – to provide an insight into the Regulatory Environment and to build Vocation Competence in the Workplace.

- From time to time we are asked to provide evidence of our “approval” to provide such training – where off course within the EASA context - none exists
- To answer all the various questions, which we receive, we kindly ask our clients to visit our Frequently Asked Questions Area of our Website) <https://sassofia.com/frequently-asked-questions/> and <https://sofemaonline.com/faqs>

But 147 approval is required Yes?

Unfortunately, NO! It is NOT Required

With great regret this is a misunderstanding that is held by a small number of authorities who do not appreciate that EASA Part 147 approval is for 2 purposes only – Training Part 66 Basic License subjects & Teaching Type Rating Certification Courses & nothing else (means it has nothing to do with for example the CAMO or Part 21 or Airports or Quality & Safety and very many more subjects)

Commented Steve Bentley CEO of Sofema “These days it is quite rare to be asked for evidence of approval, however there are still a very small number of regulatory authorities who do not appreciate the role of EASA within the Aviation ECO system. EASA sets standards for organizational compliance it does not approve a single organisation to deliver regulatory training.

As an aviation professional who started his career in 1971 (50 years commercial aviation experience) I am always interested to understand the reasons why we have challenges related to the management of training and organizational competence

- Sofema Aviation Services – Delivers over 550 Classroom & Webinar Training
- Sofema Online www.sofemaonline.com delivers over 250 online vocational & regulatory compliant courses
- In addition we deliver FAA training
- Overseas Territories Regulations
- UAE GCAA
- Saudi GACA
- Bahrain CAA
- Qatar CAA

For a sample of our courses please see the following <https://sassofia.com/blog/a-to-z-of-sofema-online-courses/>

We are always willing to engage with any organisation who seeks to assess our training & material and look forward to supporting your objectives.

Please Also Note Additional Comments

- We (Sofema) have never had any of 60,000 certificates rejected by any regulatory authority
- Our ability to support regulatory training has never been challenged by any mainstream competent authority
- When faced with this issue of demonstrating approval we ask the client to speak with their CAA and ask if they have ever attended a JAA-TO course in Hoofddorp (if yes like me they received a certificate of attendance which is without approval) – Means every single regulatory training organisation world wide is in the same position.

So how are such organisations accepted

By end user assessment / By Content Auditing / By Direct Assessment by the Regulatory Authority

So Do I Have to Take SAS on Trust Then?

Absolutely Not! Decisions Regarding Acceptance of Regulatory Training within an Organisation are typically the responsibility of your organisations Compliance Manager / Quality Assurance Manager who is typically considered as your Organisations “Regulatory Expert”.

Therefore he (or she) Is not only familiar with the various requirements is ideally placed to assess the acceptability of Sofema Training Material and for this reason, “guest access” is provided without cost to enable assessment & approval of the requested course content.

Sofema Provides Direct Guest Access to the Competent Authority for Audit & Assessment Purposes

- Guest access is also provided to any competent authority to support their assessment of our training materials and programs.

Next Steps

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