



### **Weighing your aircraft**

Dear members

The SAAA Tech Team has agreed in principle with CASA to the concept of allowing our members to conduct their own W&B management by including these privileges within the existing Maintenance Instrument on the proviso that builders are suitably trained and tested for competency before being permitted to exercise such privileges.

I am pleased to inform members that a submission on the training and examination elements to meet these obligations was sent to CASA on the 13th July. It is intended that an additional 15 minute training element will be added to the MPC course and an examination designed to promote self education and test the builder's knowledge of the theory, practices and regulations associated with aircraft W&B control will be available to be undertaken. This could be either prior to or after the MPC. The builder's MPC certificate would only be endorsed for W&B upon successful completion of the exam. Builders could still elect to use a commercially available WCO if they do not wish to undertake this training.

Initial feedback received from CASA indicates that our submission closely aligns with their expectations and that the planned Maintenance Instrument amendment is now being considered by their legal section.

The SAAA Tech Team is aware that some CASA authorised Weight Control Officers are willing to assist builders who will have aircraft ready for C of A issue before the CASA Maintenance Instrument is amended. We can assist you in contacting them.

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