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Tender

The Provision of Multi-Engine Pilot Training

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

715601455

Description

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires a Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA) Approved Training Organisation (ATO) to train up to 22 fixed-wing pilots from April 2026 to March 2028. This training will use two syllabi due to differing input standards and onward training routes:

- Multi-Engine Crossovers (MEXO). The first, up to 10 trainees, will see training using elements of the modular Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) / Instrument Rating (IR) courses and the Airline Pilot Standard (APS) Multi Crew Cooperation (MCC) Course to achieve the training standard set by the MOD. The MOD is not looking for the award of a Commercial Pilot Licence / Instrument Rating at the end of this training as trainees will not have completed any CAA pre-requisite training courses so will not have met the minimum CAA entry requirements for starting CPL/IR training; this training therefore does not need CAA approval. However, the MOD is looking to achieve a near equivalent CPL/IR skills test standard along with MCC training and some additional training elements not required by

the CPL/IR. Trainees will have completed the following military training courses, as a minimum, before arrival with the Contractor: Elementary Flying Training, Fast-Jet Lead-In, and Basic Fast-Jet Training with associated Groundschools. Alternatively, these trainees may be previously qualified military Fast-Jet or Rotary Wing pilots who have been awarded RAF Wings and completed at least one front-line tour with approximately 1000+ total flying hours.

- Ab-initios. The second, up to 12 trainees, will see training on Single-Engine (SE) aircraft and Multi-Engine (ME) aircraft prior to them undertaking additional training with the military. The SE element should broadly mirror the Private Pilot Licence syllabus which will allow them to gain Pilot in Command experience and focus on Instrument Flying skillsets. This will be followed by a ME syllabus which should build on Instrument Flying techniques as well as teach asymmetric flying skills. In addition, these trainees should also complete the APS MCC Course. The MOD is not looking for the award of any licence upon completion of this course. Trainees will have completed Elementary Flying Training and associated Groundschool.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,600,000 excluding VAT
- £4,320,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2028
- Possible extension to 19 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Additional optional +1+1 years added to the initial 2 year period at the Authorities discretion.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 February 2026, 12:30pm

Tender submission deadline

27 February 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submission via the Defence Sourcing Portal

www.contracts.mod.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Non-Cost including Social Value	Technical Npn-Cost including Social Value	Quality	60%
Price	Price	Price	40%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government