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Planning

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 24 multi-engine fixed-wing pilots from January 2026 to December 2027. This training will use two syllabi due to differing input standards and onward training routes:

Multi-Engine Crossovers (MEXO). The first, up to 12 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 RAF 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)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 4 January 2028
- Possible extension to 4 January 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80521000 - Training programme services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

Further instructions are included in the uploaded document - 20250813_715601455 MEPT_PREM

For information purposes a draft Statement of Requirement (SOR) -

20250701_715601455_Statement_of_Requirement_MEPT-Expansion_Draft has also been uploaded.

The closing date and time for response to the RFI is 12 September 2025 at 17:30hrs.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

29 September 2025

Contracting authority

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