



**THE ACADEMY OF AVIATION**

**TAOA TRAINING**

SACAA/ATO/1056

*“Training Excellence With A Difference”*



**RPC**

**REMOTE PILOT LICENCE CERTIFICATE**

**2026**

# WHO WE ARE

"AVIATE, NAVIGATE AND COMMUNICATE"

## AVIATION'S PREFERRED TRAINING ACADEMY

Train with the "Premier" aviation academy in Gauteng South Africa. Established in 2008 our specialty and passion is aviation.

Live, Eat and Breathe aviation for the entirety of your course and qualification. From qualifications to soft skill training we offer you the best of the best!

We strive to deliver exceptional knowledge transfer and when you train with us you become part of the family.

**ACCREDITED AVIATION TRAINING ORGANISATION**



## REQUIREMENTS



- 2 Colour ID/Passport Photos
- 2 Copies of Certified ID/Passport
- Matric or Tertiary Certificate/  
Highest Qualification
- Class 3 Medical (We can assist or you  
can do your own)
- Proficient in global language -  
English
- Next of Kin (For safety reasons)
- Sign an Indemnity Form
- Sign a Contract for training
- Students must be 18 years or older
- Registration fee
- A RPC Pilots Log Book (SACAA Requirement)  
Available at AOA @R707.86

**The Academy of Aviation will provide assistance with the necessary documentation for the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and will oversee all related procedures.**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK**

<https://www.theacademyofaviation.co.za/register-online/>

# HOW WE TRAIN

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Divided into 4 sections,

- Theory,
- R/T (Radio & Telephony & ELP (English Language Proficiency)
- Practical Training
- Skills Test

Once you have completed your theory, you will move to the Practical component of your training, then your Skills Assessment.

## THEORY TRAINING - GROUND SCHOOL IN THE CLASSROOM

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Duration of theory is 5 - 7 Days Classroom based training at the premises of The Academy of Aviation, by a Qualified SACAA Instructor. An SACAA exam will need to be completed after Theory, then practical training, R/T & ELP, and then a Skills Assessment.

## RPAS

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Part of the 4th IR (Industrial Revolution) in the Aviation industry, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, or commonly known as Drones, is the future for passionate aviators. The Academy of Aviation offers a SACAA Accredited RPAS Training Program for students looking to become a Qualified RPC License Holder. The Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) training course is divided into four sections.

All our training Theory and Practical is conducted at our premises and are accredited by the SACAA.

# WHAT WE OFFER

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The Academy of Aviation is a licenced ATO with the SACAA and provides the following courses:

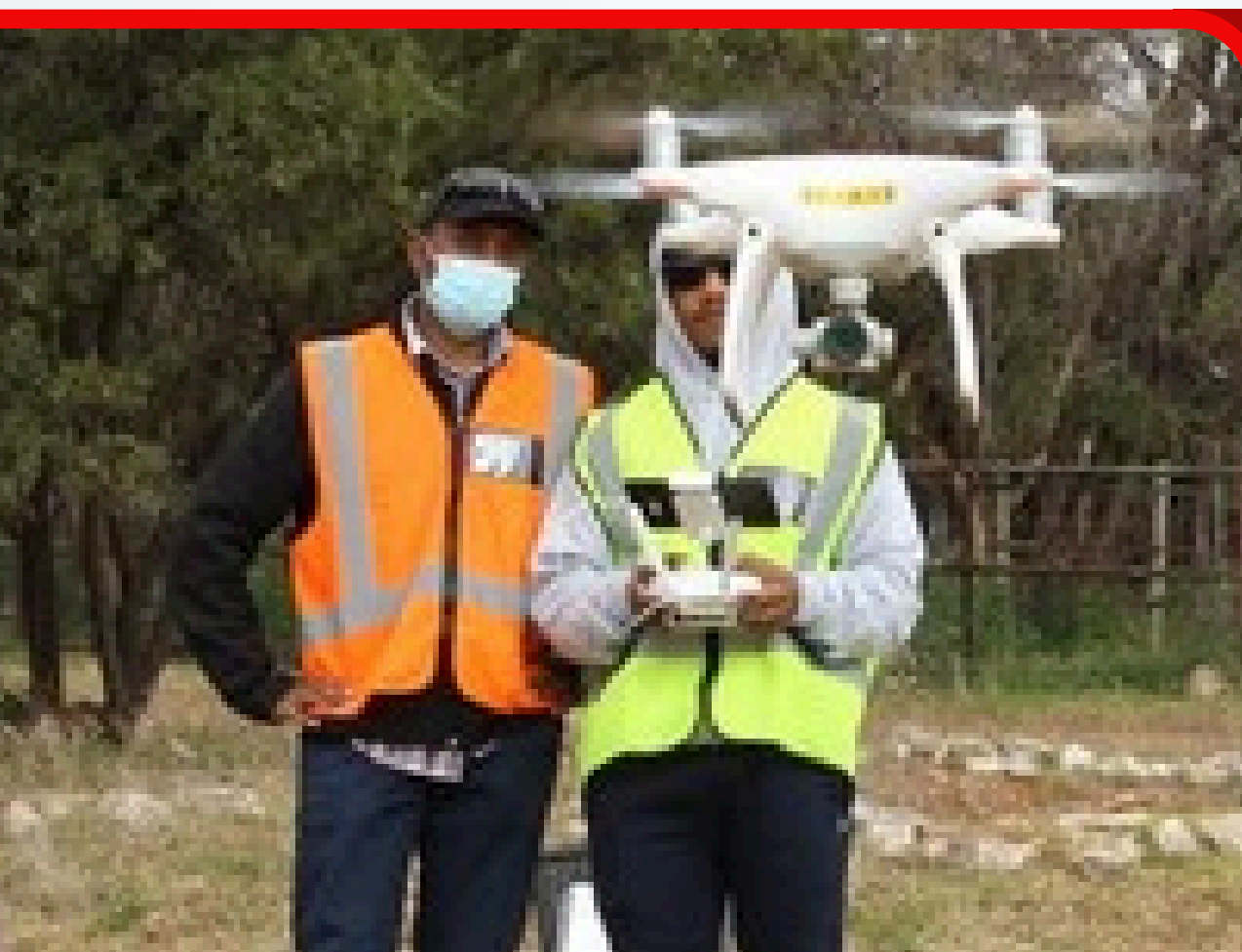
- Initial Remote Pilot Certificate Licence – Multirotor VLOS
- Revalidation of RPC
- BVLOS Rating
- RPAS AVSEC (Aviation Security)
- DG (Dangerous Goods)
- RPAS CRM
- Fixed Wing Rating

## PRACTICAL TRAINING ON FIELD & IN CLASSROOM

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Duration of Practical is a 7 days based training at the premises of The Academy of Aviation, by a Qualified SACAA Instructor. A Skills Assessment will need to be completed at the end of this stage.

You will be required to write a Radio Licence Exam at SACAA Offices in Midrand, then a practical assessment by a Radio Examiner at our premises. In total you will be looking at 15 - 21 days to complete your RPC.



**"IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE"**

*Nelson Mandela*

# THE PROCESS

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- Theory Lectures and Mock Exams  
\*A pass mark of 75% or above must be achieved\*
- Radio / Telephony Lecture – Attention must be paid as this is not any easy subject – a password for online mock exam is given to prepare the student
- A Final Theory Exam will need to be done at our premises – A pass mark of 75% or above is required in our approved exam room with cameras surveillance
- A Radio /Telephony Exam will need to be done at SACAA Office in Midrand (should you not achieve the 75% there is a 7 day waiting period to rewrite)
- A Practical Radio /Telephony Exam will be done at our premises with an approved SACAA Radio Examiner
- Various sessions will initially be flown on the Simulator to familiarise the students with the flight operations & controls
- A Practical training session will be done at our Drone Field (on our premises) on how to apply some of the principles learnt in the Theory Lectures. Students will also learn and have to apply 11 maneuvers from basic to complex during this training session and be issued with a LOR (Letter of Recommendation) from Instructor.
- On passing the preparation test, the DUE (Designated UAV Examiner) will only then assess the student orally on preparation, flight planning and knowledge of their theory. Once the DUE is confident with the students competency, the DUE will proceed with a practical skills test, which will consist of the practical exercises learnt during practical training.
- Once the DUE has found the student to be competent with flying, Risk assessment and mapwork etc, the student will be signed out and have passed their RPC. A letter of recommendation is given.
- AOA then assists you with your paperwork for the SACAA and with the submission of your RPC licence
- Should a student be found NYC (Not Yet Competent) – There will be charges for Re-writes & Re-assessments as well as time lines as per SACAA Regulations

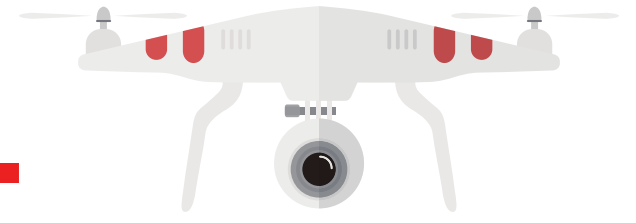
***Please Note - The schedule does change due to various factors, and does not work like a normal day to day training intervention. There are various parties that are scheduled, and we are dependant on their availability, weather plays a major factor in the training. Also consider the competency of the individual when doing exams.***

***Engaging your brain and dedicating ample study hours are essential!***



# ABOUT THE COURSE

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At The Academy of Aviation, we offer comprehensive RPC (Remote Pilot Certificate) training, all of which is conducted on-site at our premises. The only off-site component is the theory RT exam, which is taken at the SACAA examination offices in Midrand.

The training program is intensive, especially for individuals without an aviation background. It involves adapting to a new and dynamic environment, which requires substantial study and preparation.

Students will learn essential skills such as reading aeronautical maps, understanding flight levels, and interpreting weather conditions.

Restricted Radio communication is more than just radio operation; it encompasses the knowledge of various classes of airspace, flight levels, altitude levels, and related calculations. While the course is demanding, with focus, determination, and commitment, achieving your Remote Pilot Licence is an attainable goal.

If you have excellent hand-eye coordination, flying may come naturally to you. However, it's important to note that flying itself is only part of the equation. The theoretical knowledge required is intense. As a drone pilot, you will be operating in airspace shared with manned aircraft, an environment that has existed since the dawn of aviation.

It is crucial for drone pilots to have a strong understanding of aviation principles and be able to communicate effectively with manned aircraft pilots. Any miscommunication could result in serious incidents, potentially even fatal outcomes. Aviation is a highly disciplined and calculated industry, where safety in the skies is the top priority.



*“We Do Not Negotiate Safety”*

# FEES

**R44 998.00 VAT INCLUSIVE 2026**

## INCLUSIVE OF

- Classroom and Theory Training
- Theory and Practical Training
- R/T Lectures
- R/T Practical Exam
- ELP
- Medical and X-ray for Licence - Class III Licence  
*(Please note Individual must be medically fit - if protocol found this could delay the process)*
- Simulator Flight Time
- Practical Flight Time
- Final Skills Exam

### Includes SACAA Costs:

- RPC - Issuing of Licence
- R/T Exam at SACAA
- We do the process of submitting all documentation to SACAA for students

The only **extra costs** to be incurred are if student is **NYC** (Not Yet Competent) in Theory or Practical assessments, depending on the mark achieved there might be a waiting period to rewrite as per SACAA Regulations and then the cost of the assessment.

**e.g: Restricted Radio Rewrite Fee is R638.00**

***As an organisation we are are transparent, work with integrity and include everything in our price and have no hidden costs.***

# ACCOMMODATION & CATERING FACILITIES



Our 4-person shared dormitory accommodation offers a supportive, aviation-driven atmosphere with three nutritious meals each day. Live comfortably, stay focused, and fully immerse yourself as you eat, breathe, and live aviation.



Check-in



Our campus is monitored by AI-enabled CCTV throughout the premises, supported by on-site patrolling security personnel to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students.

AMENITIES



Uber

Central Location to supermarkets

# GET IN TOUCH



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