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Introduction

This course outlines the overall regulatory framework of civil aviation, introducing participants to the various regulatory bodies and the rules and laws they establish. It provides foundational knowledge on how to organize and manage scheduled or charter flights in compliance with international aviation regulations and EU regulations. Participants will gain insights into aviation laws, safety standards, and the organizational structure of the airline industry, ensuring alignment with aviation compliance.

Through this course, you will become familiar with key aviation regulations, including the role of ICAO, EASA, and the FAA, as well as the European Open Sky policy, aircraft leasing, and consumer protection rights in aviation.

Course Objectives

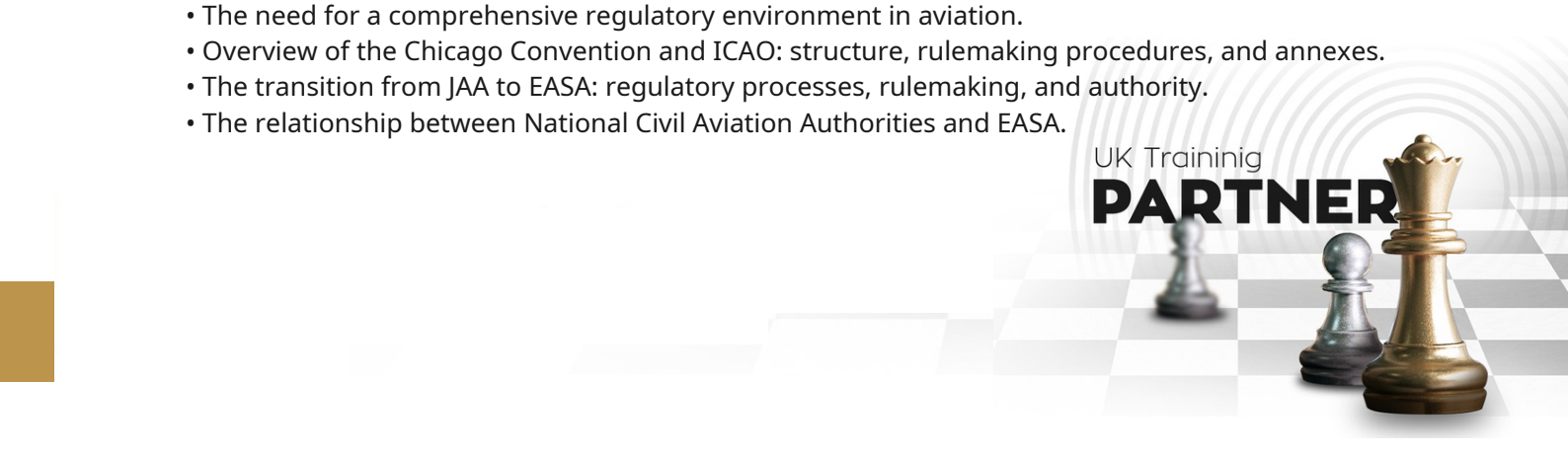
By the end of this course, participants will:

- Understand the aviation regulations governing the organization and management of flights according to international aviation regulations and EU regulations.
- Gain knowledge of National Civil Aviation Authorities, ICAO, Joint Aviation Authorities, and EASA, and their regulatory functions.
- Comprehend the structure and operation of an EASA compliant airline.
- Understand the distinction between an Airline Licence and an Air Operator Certificate A.O.C. under EU regulations.
- Learn about the European Open Sky and its implications for international aviation, as well as aircraft leasing and consumer protection regulations.

Course Outlines

Day 1: National Civil Aviation Authorities, ICAO, Joint Aviation Authorities to EASA

- The need for a comprehensive regulatory environment in aviation.
- Overview of the Chicago Convention and ICAO: structure, rulemaking procedures, and annexes.
- The transition from JAA to EASA: regulatory processes, rulemaking, and authority.
- The relationship between National Civil Aviation Authorities and EASA.



Day 2: European Regulations

- The rulemaking process in the EU: The role of European Institutions Parliament and Commission.
- The importance of European Regulations: relationship with national rules and ICAO's Annexes.
- Key regulations in aviation safety standards, operations, maintenance, handling, and airport slots.
- Consumer protection regulations in aviation.

Day 3: The Airline Structure and Licensing

- The operational structure of an EASA compliant airline.
- The significance of an airline quality and safety management system.
- Understanding the responsibilities of airline postholders and airline personnel flying and non-flying.
- The difference between an Airline Licence and A.O.C. under EU regulations and ICAO.

Day 4: The European "Open Sky" and Aircraft Leasing

- Traffic rights under European Community law and the transition from bilateral to horizontal agreements.
- The relationship between Europe and the USA in aviation through Open Sky.
- Aircraft leasing: understanding dry lease and wet lease agreements, ACMI contracts, and the role of aircraft brokers.
- SAFA inspections and their role in ensuring aviation safety.

Day 5: Consumer Protection

- EC Regulation 261/2004: compensation in case of denied boarding, cancellations, and major delays.
- EC Regulation 1107/2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons in aviation.
- EC Directive 2005/29/EC on consumer information and ticket pricing.
- The applicability of EU rules on non-EU carriers.

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- A comprehensive understanding of aviation regulations including FAA regulations, ICAO, and EASA.
- Ability to apply international aviation regulations and EU regulations to manage airline operations safely and efficiently.
- Knowledge of the key elements of aviation safety standards and how they ensure compliance and operational safety.
- In-depth understanding of airline licensing, AOC requirements, and their role in operational compliance.
- Insights into the European Open Sky policy and its impact on international aviation agreements.
- Practical knowledge of consumer protection regulations in aviation, ensuring your airline adheres to the necessary standards.



Conclusion

This course on aviation regulations is crucial for professionals in the aviation industry, especially those involved in managing or operating airlines. Understanding aviation compliance and the regulatory framework surrounding flight operations, safety, and consumer protection will ensure you meet the highest standards of aviation safety and legal compliance.

Whether you are a commercial pilot, an aviation manager, or someone in charge of air traffic control rules, this course will enhance your ability to navigate the complexities of the aviation industry and will help you stay ahead of the curve in new aviation regulations. Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain expertise in the regulatory landscape of the aviation world!

Sign up now to secure your place in this comprehensive training program on aviation regulations and aviation safety standards.

