INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES / IRI(A)

Instrument Rating Instructor

Turn instrument flying experience into effective instrument instruction.



Course summary

The IRI(A) course develops the instructional skills needed for instrument training. Entry experience depends on whether privileges are sought in an aeroplane or only in a flight simulation training device. This page focuses on the aeroplane route; the club will confirm available training and approval scope.

Entry requirements

- At least 18 years old and meet the applicable licence, rating and instructor prerequisites.
- For instruction in an aeroplane: at least 800 hours flight time under IFR, including at least 400 hours in aeroplanes.
- A separate FSTD-only route requires at least 200 hours IFR after BIR or IR issue, including at least 50 hours in aeroplanes; it does not confer aeroplane instructional privileges.
- Additional CRI prerequisites and training apply for multi-engine IRI privileges.

Credits available

- Holders or former holders of an instructor certificate receive teaching-and-learning credit.
- For applicants holding an FI(A), the minimum flight instruction element is reduced from 10 to 5 hours.

IRI(A) / TRAINING & NEXT STEPS

Hours

Teaching and learning	25 hours before applicable credit
Technical training	At least 10 hours
Flight instruction	At least 10 hours in an aeroplane or eligible training device
Existing FI(A) holders	Flight instruction minimum reduced to 5 hours
Completion	Assessment of competence

Training device use and instructional privileges must match the approved course and your experience. IFR flight time and instrument instruction time are not interchangeable terms.

Theoretical knowledge (TK)

Refresh instrument theoretical knowledge and develop lesson plans, briefings and instructional techniques. Teaching and learning addresses student development, feedback and assessment.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to be an FI first?

An FI certificate is not the only entry route. It can give course credits, but the IRI-specific prerequisites must still be met.

Does simulator experience meet all the entry hours?

No. The aeroplane and FSTD routes have distinct experience requirements, including flight time in aeroplanes.

Is this course available now?

Enquire about current course availability, approved scope and instructor scheduling before making plans.

Your next step

Enquire at info@waterfordaeroclub.com. Tell us your goals and flying experience. Training availability, approved scope and individual eligibility are confirmed before enrolment.

Prices are maintained separately on the website pricing page. Contact the club for current pricing.

Reference: FCL.915, FCL.915.IRI, FCL.930.IRI and FCL.935. EASA Aircrew rules, November 2025 edition.