



# Glider Flying

THE GLIDING EXPERIENCE



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Getting a gliding experience with the Australian Air Force Cadets.

## Glider Flying opportunities

Thanks to considerable support from Air Force, the AAFC aviation program enables Cadets to have a safe, positive and educational aviation experience.

The goal of our flying training program is to give Cadets exposure to, and inspire their interest in, the aerospace industry through education in theoretical and practical skills of aircraft handling, aircraft engineering and flight operations.

Gliders are controlled and flown just like conventional powered aircraft. Glider pilots develop excellent energy management skills that also assist in flying other types of aircraft

Many Australian Defence Force and commercial aviators began their flying careers by learning to fly gliders with the AAFC.

**Pilot Experience Flight (PEX).** Cadets in their second year and beyond may undertake one instructional flight per year under the supervision of a qualified flying instructor – at no cost to the Cadet. In a PEX flight, a Cadet can experience the joy of personally controlling an aircraft in flight, to inspire their motivation towards an aviation career pathway.

**Cadet Flying Training (CFT).** Selected Cadets may attend Gliding Courses or may train with a local Gliding Club: Cadets as young as 15 years – the minimum legal age – may have the opportunity to fly their first solo flight in a VH-registered powered aircraft.

## Our Aircraft

The AAFC operates a fleet of DG1000S two-seater, fully dual-controlled gliders. The DG1000S is a high-performance training glider with an 18-metre wingspan, which offers excellent visibility and comfortable seating for two persons.

These aircraft are registered to the Commonwealth of Australia and are maintained by Cadet Branch – Air Force, and are flown by qualified AAFC instructors.

Gliding trains pilots to be very well coordinated on the aircraft controls, and develops in them a high degree of in-flight situational awareness and respect for other airspace users.

## Gliding Training School

Glider flying training is conducted by the Gliding Training School (GTS) through its three 'Centres of Excellence' – Balaklava Glider Training Flight (SA), Bathurst Glider Training Flight (NSW) and Warwick Glider Training Flight (Queensland).

GTS is a subordinate unit of the AAFC's Aviation Operations Wing (AOW), and has the mission of delivering flying pathways to Cadets through glider flying experiences and training.

**Refer to the AAFC Glider Training page:**

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