

Prohibition On Use Of Cameras And Recording Devices

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Background Information:

CAE is committed to achieving the highest level of safety by meeting or surpassing regulatory requirements, by auditing the safety implications of our activities, by identifying areas for improvement through incident reporting, investigation and risk assessment, and by encouraging the open and honest reporting of safety issues.

INFACs are used to remind personnel of policy and procedures in place or issue reminders about differences in operations due to seasonal variations etc.

Recent occurrences suggest it is necessary to remind staff and students that the use of audio, video and camera players and recording devices on the tarmac **and in aircraft** is strictly prohibited by CAE OAA.

Although recording devices that are hard-wired and/or permanently installed in the aircraft are authorized for continued use in support of the flight safety task, there are safety risks associated with the use of other cameras and recording devices, particularly aboard aircraft where they can cause distractions and/or encourage inappropriate safety behaviour.

The taking of 'selfies' and temporary fitment of high definition video cameras is a popular social trend, and it is recognised that there is often a personal desire amongst students to mark, for example, key training achievements such as solo flights. However, aviation accidents, some fatal, have been caused by the associated distractions and desire to 'play to the camera' by carrying out unauthorised manoeuvres. Such unauthorised behaviour has no place in a professional training environment and use of other cameras and recorders is therefore strictly prohibited within CAE OAA. Commemorative photographs marking key individual achievements should, if they are required, instead be accomplished, under controlled conditions on the ground facilitated under local arrangements made by each Centre Manager.

Abbreviations:

CAE OAA	CAE Oxford Aviation Academy
INFAC	Information to Aircrew

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The CAE OAA Flight Operations manual, Part A, Section 2.7 states:

2.7.2 It is forbidden to use Personal Electronic Devices (PED) on any flight line, in restricted areas, or in classrooms during lessons, simulators. PEDs must be switched off, or in flight mode in simulators or in aircraft.

2.7.3 It is prohibited for students to use camera equipment on the ramp area or in an aircraft without the specific authority of the Centre Manager/Site Manager/CFI.

Whereas, as part of the 'Just Culture', it is CAE OAA policy that people are not punished for actions, omissions or decisions taken by them that are commensurate with their experience and training, it should also be remembered that 'gross negligence, willful violations and destructive acts' are not tolerated. Use of a camera or recording device in breach of the above Operations Manual provisions will be regarded by CAE OAA as a willful violation and will accordingly lead to disciplinary action being taken against the offender.

Provision is made within the CAE OAA Operations Manual for the Center Manager and/or Chief Flight Instructor to make specific exemptions to the policy outlined above on a per flight basis.