

Canadian Armed Forces Pilot to Civilian Conversion

At the Regina Flying Club we have helped many Canadian Forces Pilots with their conversion to a civilian licence. Transport Canada outlines the requirements that must be met in order to obtain any given licence. Ultimately Transport Canada is the one deciding if you meet the requirements or not to convert, but at RFC we will help guide you through this process as it can be a very individualized process based on your needs and experience. Even if you have not successfully completed a Canadian Armed Forces Pilot Training Course, you may still be eligible to credit some of the training time you do have. You can visit these links below to gather information about what credits you may receive for the licence(s) you desire. Should you have any questions about the training you need please feel free to contact us and we can help you through this process.

Theoretical Knowledge Requirement - Canadian Armed Forces Pilot to Civilian Fixed Wing Conversion

Winged Canadian Armed Forces Pilot must demonstrate their theoretical knowledge by writing the ARPCO (Air Law, Air Traffic Rules and Procedures) exam in order for Transport Canada to grant a civilian flying licence. For more information, scroll down to the section titled “Canadian Forces Pilots” below:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/publications/study-reference-guide-written-examinations-commercial-pilot-licence-aeroplane-tp-12881/examinations>

Credits available - Canadian Armed Forces Pilots to Civilian Fixed Wing Conversion

Transport Canada Standard 421 dictates the Military to Civilian pilot conversion requirements. The entire Transport Canada Standard 421 may be found here:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars>

Credits Towards Specific Licenses

Private Pilot Licence – Section 421.26, para (7):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_26

Commercial Pilot Licence – Section 421.30, para (8):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_30

Airline Transport Pilot Licence – Section 421.34, para (7) :

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_34

Multi Engine VFR Rating – Section 421.38, para 3(b):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_38

VFR OTT Rating – Section 421.44, para (6):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_44

Instrument Rating – Section 421.46, para (3):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_46

Flight Instructor Rating – Section 421.69, para (6):

https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/standard-421-flight-crew-permits-licences-ratings-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#421_69

Further Questions?

Each military to civilian pilot conversion has individual factors and nuances. The authority of whether or not to grant a full conversion, or any part thereof, rests ultimately with Transport Canada. If you believe that you have met a specific requirement for full or partial credit towards

a specific civilian licence or rating, the more substantiation you are able to provide, the greater the chances of credit being given from Transport Canada. Common pieces of evidence include, but are not limited to the following: logbook scans, record of ground school, progress cards etc. Assemble all evidence possible, and explain your situation in an e-mail to the following address:

aviation.pnr-rpn@tc.gc.ca

A response can sometimes take 1-2 months, but a licensing officer eventually will respond and give you a thorough answer.