



Airline Interview Preparation

In 2016 Nelson Aviation College was selected to deliver the Air New Zealand developed Airline Integration Course, providing trainee pilots with a detailed introduction to the many demands of a multi-crew cockpit, and the systems and operations of modern turbine powered aircraft. The course is run at our training facility in Airport House, Nelson Airport and utilises our new Pacific Simulators B737-800 model simulator.

In response to demand for quality, candidate-driven airline interview preparation training, NAC has developed a modular course offering both simulator and ground time.

The simulator time can be personalised to suit the candidate's prior experience and requirements for time and cost, along with interview/selection specifications.

The ground time is based around soft skills – Interviewing, Human Factors and CRM etc. and can also be tailored to suit a candidate's needs.



Simulator Time

It is a lot of hard work and sacrifice to get to the point of an airline interview. While soft skills are very important and not to be discounted, ultimately airlines are employing pilots. Along with the hands-on flying skills you have been perfecting since beginning your training, you must be able to demonstrate you can handle the high mental workload required to operate a large, complex aircraft in a multi-crew environment. Our simulator sessions are specifically tailored to help you develop those skills.

Our simulator instructors are all highly experienced training captains from the Air New Zealand jet fleet and the simulator itself is a professional, full size cockpit of a modern narrow body jet.

Invoicing is submitted via email after the session and payment is due by the 20th of the month following the date of the invoice.

SIM 1: FAMILIARISATION

Cockpit familiarisation flight. Explore the operation of the MCP, FD, AP and Auto-throttle along with the PFD, ND and EICAS displays. This is a 30 minute session and is charged at \$95.

Note: This detail is not mandatory, candidates may choose to go straight to Sim 2. However, this detail is not stand-alone, i.e. it must be completed along with a Pro Forma session.

SIM 2: PRO FORMA

Sessions are charged at the rate of \$370 for a minimum 2-hour session, which is made up of a split between flight time and ground time – the ground time covers both pre and post flight briefings.



Extra flight time is charged at a rate of \$185 per hour or part thereof. Session length is to be confirmed by the client on the day. Where possible, the client will nominate the expected time prior to the session beginning to enable the instructor to coordinate it for best efficiency and effectiveness. However, the duration can be altered during the session as required, at the instructor's discretion and availability.

Interview Skills

We have a number of interview soft skills training items we can help you with. This module can be tailored to meet specific requirements using line items below.

→ Panel Interview Exercise

A practice interview using two interviewers. Our interviewers have all been trained using the same course as major airlines and we use the same experiential based interview process and documentation. The interview takes 60 minutes, including a debrief and feedback session.

A further option is to include a pre-interview preparation session to be completed prior to the interview itself. This session introduces experiential interviews; what they are and how to prepare for them. It also covers the seven common themes of an interview, and an easy to use format for answering interview questions. This is a 45 minute session.

→ Technical Exam

Sit an example Technical Exam and go through the answers with an experienced jet pilot. Again, the session length can be tailored to suit candidates, allow 60 minutes as standard.

→ Jeppesen Plates & Briefings

For those unfamiliar with the Jeppesen format, this can be a good experience to practice reading and comprehending the different charts along with coaching on airline style Arrival and Approach briefs. The session length can be tailored to suit candidates, allow 30 – 45 minutes as standard.

The Interview Skills modules may be undertaken either in person at our training base at Nelson Airport, or online via MS Teams. In order to secure staffing resources, a minimum combination of exercises and/or simulator time must be undertaken. Please contact us for pricing and availability.

Other Skills

Outside of the modules above, we can also offer guidance and assistance for any part of a typical airline interview. Other examples of areas we can help with are:

- Human Factors & CRM
- Group activity training
- Planning exercises
- CV and cover letters

ATPL Subjects

Nelson Aviation College also provide block courses for all ATPL subjects. Every subject is classroom delivered by industry experienced experts and include all supporting material. We have a very high first-time pass rate.

See <https://www.nelson-aviation.co.nz/pilot-theory-courses/ATPL.html> for more details.

Required Reading

A certain level of knowledge is recommended to be able to get the most value from the simulator sessions and Interview Skill modules offered. A selection of texts and references is given below.

1. *ATPL Instruments and Nav Aids – recommend Waypoints textbook, see link below:*
<https://www.waypoints.nz/collections/pilot-books/products/vol-12-atpla-instruments-and-navigation-aids-february-2016>
2. *AIP NZ: ENR 1.5, Gen 3.5*
3. *CAA NZ: AC91-9, AC172-1*