

NAV CANADA AND CAE FORM PARTNERSHIP TO TRAIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS & FLIGHT SERVICE SPECIALISTS

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NAV CANADA and CAE have signed a strategic agreement to increase training capacity for crucial air traffic services professionals. Under this first-of-its-kind partnership in Canada, CAE instructors will deliver initial training for Flight Service Specialists and Air Traffic Controllers using NAV CANADA training curriculum and courseware. The first classes will begin in the fall of 2024 at a new purpose-built Air Traffic Services Training Centre on CAE campus in Montreal.

Raymond G. Bohn, President and CEO, NAV Canada commented: "With this partnership, and through the overall modernization of our training programs, NAV CANADA will deliver long-term benefits to Canada by preparing for continued growth in demand for air travel, building resilience to respond to emerging customer needs and supporting the fluidity of the country's supply chains while accelerating access to high-paying jobs that support the Canadian economy."

Marc Parent, CAE President and CEO, said: "With CAE's extensive background in advanced training delivery and modern learning sciences, our partnership with NAV CANADA is a natural

extension of our business and core mission to make the world a safer place. Moreover, as the leading provider of civil aviation training worldwide, CAE understands the importance of effective workforce development and the challenges posed by the increased demand for highly skilled people throughout the aviation sector."

This agreement leverages the expertise of two Canadian industry leaders to innovate and address future air traffic management requirements. As the world's largest aviation training provider, CAE is uniquely positioned to work hand in hand with NAV CANADA, the second-largest Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) worldwide, to develop a highly proficient workforce and ensure the safety and efficiency of the air traffic system. The partnership will provide additional training capacity as NAV CANADA continues to fully deliver existing training programs from its training units across the country.

This partnership will generate new career opportunities at both companies. NAV CANADA is building a pipeline of air traffic services professionals by recruiting over 500 additional students by 2028 who will be trained by CAE. CAE is recruiting training centre staff to deliver training in line with Transport Canada's requirements and CAE's rigorous standards of training excellence.

As NAV CANADA turns to CAE to supplement its training needs, its current Flight Information Regions (FIR) school delivery is ongoing with full force and continues to offer all specialties and on-the-job training. All students who will qualify at CAE will be meeting the same curriculum, level of standards, and threshold testing as students trained at NAV CANADA.

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