



QANTAS GEARS UP FOR MORE TRAINING AS NEW SYDNEY FLIGHT TRAINING CENTRE BREAKS GROUND

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Construction has started on a new flight training centre in Sydney, which will train up to 4,500 Qantas and Jetstar pilots and cabin crew each year from early 2024. The multi-million-dollar facility will be home to up to eight full motion simulators including for the Airbus A350, the aircraft that will operate non-stop flights from Sydney to London and New York. The purpose-built facility in St Peters near Sydney Airport will also have flight training devices, aircraft cabin mock-ups with emergency procedures equipment, and classroom and training facilities. Senior Qantas and Jetstar training captains will train pilots from the two airlines while global training provider CAE will maintain all simulators and training equipment, and manage the centre's day-to-day operations as part of a long-term agreement.

Qantas and Jetstar pilots typically do four simulator sessions per year to remain current in their formal qualifications and up to 15 sessions when training for a new aircraft type. Qantas relocated

its simulators from Sydney to Melbourne and Brisbane in 2021 to make way for the NSW Government's Sydney Gateway road project. Sydney-based pilots currently travelling interstate will be able to do training in their home state when the new facility opens in early 2024.

Developed by leading Asia Pacific property specialist LOGOS Property Group, the project is being custom-built and will be the first training facility of its kind in Sydney. The facility will span approximately 7000m² over three floors, built with around 150 tonnes of steel, 4500m³ of concrete and complex specialist infrastructure for flight simulators, and will create around 250 jobs in its delivery.

Qantas Group expects to create more than 8,500 highly skill jobs in Australian aviation over the next decade as it takes delivery of hundreds of new aircraft and grows its network. This includes 1,600 new positions for pilots and 4,500 new roles for cabin crew, with many to be trained at the new facility. Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce, who was today onsite to mark the official start of construction, said the national carrier was looking forward to bringing the critical flight training function back to Sydney, having trained pilots and crew in NSW for half a century.

"Qantas provides training for thousands of pilots and cabin crew each year and this purpose-built facility will ensure our high training standards continue as we introduce the next generation of aircraft, grow our network and create new high skilled jobs," Mr Joyce said. We'll receive an average of one new aircraft every three weeks for the next three years across the Qantas Group, and more simulator capacity to train new and current pilots is critical. Sydney will be the launch city for our non-stop flights to London and New York, and will soon be the home of pilot training for the A350s, which will operate these flights from late 2025. We'd like to thank the NSW Government and the LOGOS Group for its support for this world-class facility, which will generate broader economic benefits for the state."

CAE's Group President, Civil Aviation, Nick Leontidis, said: "We are thrilled to be breaking ground on this new training centre with the Qantas Group, a company that shares our unwavering commitment to safety. CAE Sydney will be a state-of-the-art training centre with advanced full-flight simulators, including a brand new A320 FFS, that will deliver immersive training, and give pilots the skill and confidence they need for the moments that matter in flight. CAE operates 50+ civil aviation training centres around the world and we look forward to bringing our expertise to Sydney to deliver an exceptional training experience for Qantas Group pilots and cabin crew."

LOGOS Head of Australia & New Zealand, Darren Searle said: "We're thrilled to create this facility for CAE and Qantas as the first of its kind in Sydney, with custom-built, complex infrastructure specialised for flight simulators. We have drawn on our multi-storey development experience from our portfolio in Asia to deliver this innovative, speciality build in Australia. The site provides the ideal location for Qantas' new training centre, located on the doorstep of Sydney airport in a premium industrial precinct, and CAE's 20-year commitment to the site highlights the unprecedented demand for key industrial sites, particularly in these strategic inner-city locations with direct connectivity to Sydney's major port and airport."

With the completion of this centre, Qantas will conduct flight training in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Sydney, in addition to the Qantas Group Pilot Academy in Toowoomba. The national carrier recently announced that it will establish the [Qantas Group Engineering Academy in Australia](#), with capacity to train up to 300 engineers a year. A decision on where the Engineering Academy will be located is expected over the coming months.

Full-motion simulators and fixed flight training devices (FTD) to be located at the new Sydney Flight Training Centre:

- A380
- A350
- A330
- A320
- B787
- B738
- A380 FTD
- A330 FTD
- B787 FTD



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