



# PILOT TRAINING WITH AN AIRBUS A320 FFS STARTS AT BAA TRAINING SPAIN

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The first state-of-the-art Airbus A320 FFS is ready for training in a brand-new pilot training centre BAA Training Spain located in Barcelona, 10 minutes away from El-Prat airport. The Airbus A320 operational readiness, in fact, signifies that pilot training operations are ready to begin.

Managing Director of BAA Training Spain, Aurimas Urbonas, says: “We are delighted to announce that with the first Airbus A320 full flight simulator ready for training we are now all set to offer world-class pilot training. We embark on the next phase of the training centre’s operation and demonstrate our commitment to accommodating various pilot needs in the region. While this is an important breakthrough, we are ambitious and aim to further harness the growth opportunity by adding more flight simulation training devices throughout the upcoming years.”



## **About Airbus A320 FFS**

The Airbus A320 FFS manufactured by CAE is EASA UPRT CS-FSTD (A) issue 2 Level D Approved and Certified. It supports both CFM and IAE ceo engine types.

It has the latest innovative Tropos 6000XR visual system, offering pilots an authentic visual feel. Many customized and generic scenes are available and tailored to airport characteristics. The FFS has been given a C Level airports certificate.

The equipment is fully suited for completing the Upset Prevention Recovery Training, a mandatory part of Type Rating Training, Checking, and Recurrent Training.

## **Cost-trimming opportunity**

BAA Training seeks to execute transformational cost reduction, and its newest training center BAA Training Spain pivots first to meet changing customer needs. The objective is to be achieved by introducing a customer-centered solution to distribute the Type Rating program's training components between two sub-variants of simulation devices – full flight simulators (FFS) and fixed training devices (FTD) on a 50/50 ratio. Consequently, the customer's savings can reach up to 40% for each training hour where an FTD replaces an FFS.

Speaking about the novelty, Aurimas Urbonas adds: „A strong emphasis on driving customer value will not only aid companies during the period of economic disruptions but also transform into a long-term, customer-centered strategy that allows everyone to stay laser-focused on achieving more by spending less.“

## **Coming soon equipment**

BAA Training Spain expects five simulators to arrive by the end of 2021: 2 FFSs and 3 FTD Level 2 devices:

- Boeing B737 NG FFS in Q2 2021

- Boeing B737 MAX FFS in Q2 2021
- A320ceo FTD Level 2 in Q3 2021
- B737 MAX FTD Level 2 in Q4 2021
- B737 NG FTD Level 2 in Q4 2021

The modern facility is set to meet the needs of 16.000 pilots per year and has room for 11 simulator bays. All of them will be getting occupied in the years to follow, responding to the market needs.

## **BAA Training aviation training hub in Spain**

BAA Training Spain has been established as part of the BAA Training expansion plan to Europe. BAA Training, one of the TOP 3 biggest European aviation training centres, also owns Ab Initio flight training school with two Spanish bases - in Lleida-Alguaire International Airport (Spain) and Castellón–Costa Azahar Airport. By putting both the simulator training centre and the flight school in place and lengthening its service line, BAA Training gets a firmer hold of the market. It creates a full-scope aviation training hub in Spain open to a broader audience.



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