



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
Opposite: Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi-110003

PUBLIC NOTICE

F. No: DGCA-16017/10/2025-DFT

Dated: 30th September, 2025

Subject: Ranking System for DGCA approved Flying Training Organization

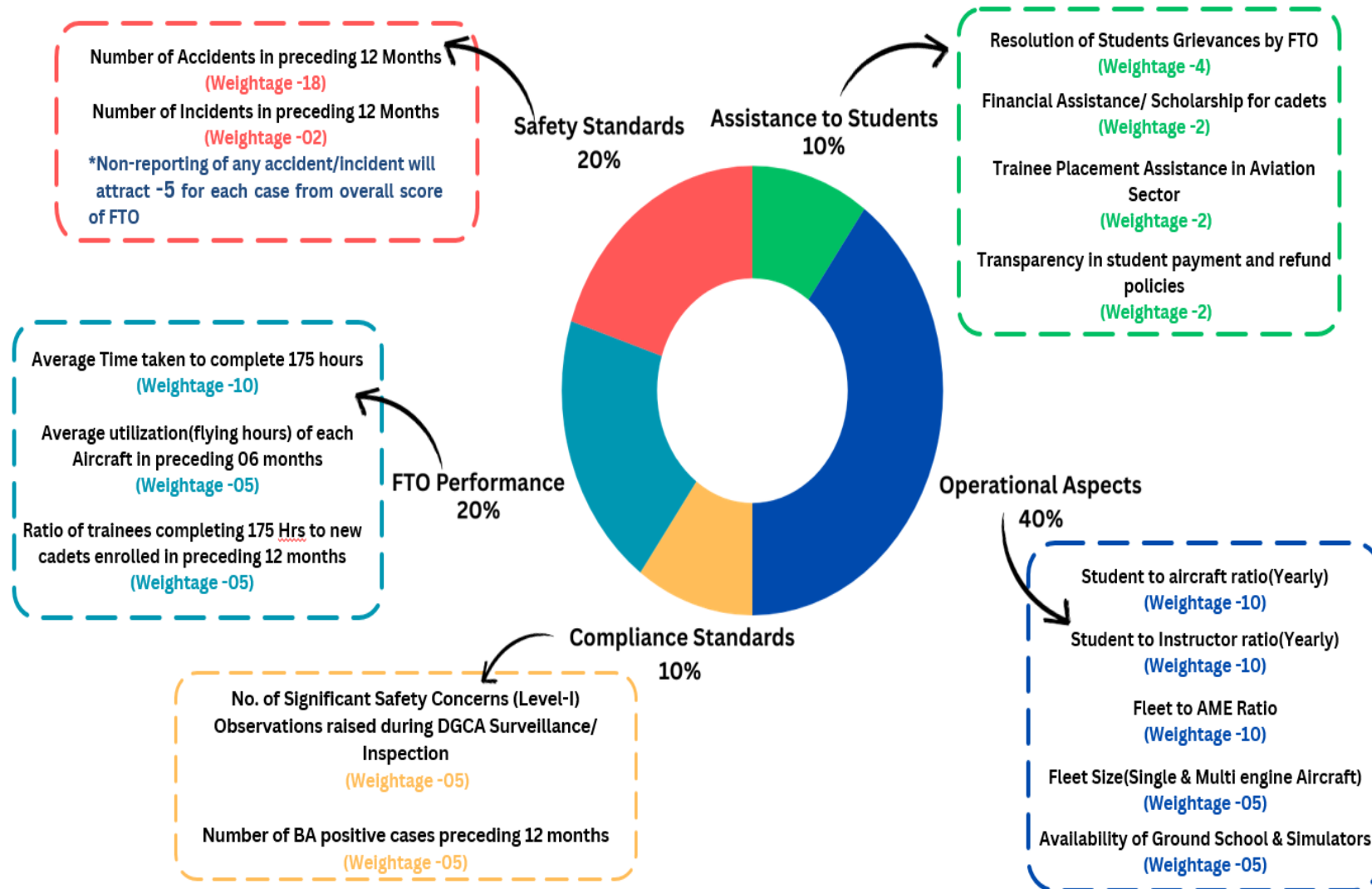
1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) announced the commencement of ranking framework for Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) operating under its approval vide public notice issued Dt. 8th July 2025.
2. Ranking system for DGCA approved FTOs is being implemented in India w.e.f. 1st Oct, 2025 with the Ranking of FTOs as attached as Annexure "A".
3. Ranking will be published bi-annually, i.e. next ranking is scheduled to be published on 1st April of 2026.
4. Categorization of FTO ranking has been revised and will be based on following overall score achieved by individual FTO as under-

Score (%)	Categorization
85% and above	A+
70% to less than 85%	A
Less than 70% to 50%	B
Below 50 %	C

FTOs falling under Category 'C' will receive a notice from DGCA for self-analysis towards improvement of their performance.

5. Parameters and Evaluation Criteria

The detailed weightage criteria and ranking parameters(revised) is as under-



6. DGCA FTO Ranking Mechanism – Core Parameters & Conditions, Scoring criteria

Applicability:

- Period of Consideration for Ranking- **1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025**
- Applicable to all DGCA approved FTOs except those FTOs who have ***not completed 18 months (1.5 years)*** as on 31.08.2025 from date of approval.
- Also applicable to FTOs with temporary suspensions or cessation of flying training operations during this period due to any reason.

A. FTO Performance (Total weightage – 20 %)

S. No.	Parameter	Definition	Weightage	Standard	Data Source	Conditions & Scoring				
1	Average Time Taken to Complete 175 Hours	Average duration (in months) taken by cadets to complete 175 hours of flying from date of commencement of flying training.	10	12 Months	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Only those cadets who have completed entire 175 hrs with one particular FTO are considered.Irrespective of the date of commencement of flying training, 175th hour should be completed in last 12 months (01.09.2024 to 31.08.2025)</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Average time calculated</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td><= 12 M</td><td>10</td></tr></table></div>	Average time calculated	Score	<= 12 M	10
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2	Average Aircraft Utilization (Last 6 Months)	Total flying hours logged per aircraft divided by number of aircraft for the last 06 months	5	150 hours (average per month per aircraft)	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">No levy of any kind will be given to the FTO citing reasons such as; Aircraft grounded due to maintenance, incident/ accident, weather, NOTAMs, ATC restriction etc.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Average Aircraft Utilization</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>>= 150 hrs</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>100 to 150 hrs</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td><100</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Average Aircraft Utilization	Score	>= 150 hrs	5	100 to 150 hrs	3	<100	0
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3	Ratio of Trainees Completing 175 Hrs to New Enrolments (Last 12 Months)	Number of cadets who completed 175 hrs ÷ Number of cadets enrolled in same period.	5	1	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Towards ‘<i>Trainees Completing 175 Hrs</i>’</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Only those cadets who have completed entire 175 hrs with one particular FTO are considered.Irrespective of the date of commencement of flying training, 175th hour should be								

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						<div>completed in last 12 months (01.09.2024 to 31.08.2025)</div> <div><div>➤ 'New Enrolments'</div><div><div>• Includes new students who have been issued SPL during this period.</div></div></div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Ratio of Trainees Completing 200 Hrs to New Enrolments</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>>= 1</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>0.75 to 1</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td><0.75</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Ratio of Trainees Completing 200 Hrs to New Enrolments	Score	>= 1	5	0.75 to 1	3	<0.75	0
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B. Operational Aspects (Total weightage – 40 %)

S. No.	Parameter	Definition	Weightage	Standard	Data Source	Conditions & Scoring								
1	Student to Aircraft Ratio (Yearly)	Number of Students with the FTO ÷ Number of trainer aircraft with the FTO	10	10	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">All the students undertaken flying training with the FTO during the specified period.Aircraft must be available and added in the latest approved TPM of the FTO, as on 31 Aug 2025.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Student to Aircraft Ratio</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td><= 10</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>11 to 15</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>>15</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Student to Aircraft Ratio	Score	<= 10	10	11 to 15	5	>15	0
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2	Student to Instructor Ratio (Yearly)	Number of total students ÷ Number of approved instructors	10	10	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">All the students undertaken flying training with the FTO during the specified period.Only those Flight Instructors who have actively flown at least for 150 days with that FTO during (01.09.2024 to 31.08.2025) will be considered.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Student to Instructor Ratio</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td><= 10</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>11 to 15</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>>15</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Student to Instructor Ratio	Score	<= 10	10	11 to 15	5	>15	0
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3	Fleet to AME Ratio	Number of aircraft ÷ Number of full-time DGCA-approved AMEs	10	1	DAW	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum service period of AME is 10 months in last one year for the consideration in above matrix.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Fleet to AME</th><th>Score</th><th>B-2 rated AME</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div>	Fleet to AME	Score	B-2 rated AME	Score				
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						Ratio (B-1 rated AME)			
						<=3	8	For fleet upto 6 aircraft - Minimum 01 (either regular or contractual)	02
						4 to 6	4	For fleet greater than 6 aircraft - Minimum 01 (regular AME)	02
						>6	0	No B-2 rated AME	0

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4	Fleet Size (Single & Multi-Engine)	Total number of operational aircraft used for training	5	Min. 10 aircraft	EGCA	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aircraft must be available and added in the latest approved TPM of the FTO as on 31 Aug 2025.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Fleet Size (Single & Multi-Engine)</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>≥10 aircraft (incl. at-least 01 multi-engine)</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>≥10 aircraft (No multi-engine)</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>08 to 09</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>05 to 07</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>03 to 04</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td><3 aircraft</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Fleet Size (Single & Multi-Engine)	Score	≥10 aircraft (incl. at-least 01 multi-engine)	5	≥10 aircraft (No multi-engine)	4	08 to 09	3	05 to 07	2	03 to 04	1	<3 aircraft	0
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5	Availability of Ground School & Simulators	Presence of dedicated ground school for CPL exams preparation and approved simulators	5 (3-Ground School +2-Simulator)	In-house Ground School At least one Simulator	FTO Website	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ground school must be DGCA approved(included in latest R-Card & TPM) & exclusive to FTO and located at the flying operations base.Simulator must be DGCA-approved and operational.</div> <div>Scoring<table><tr><th>Availability of Ground School & Simulators</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>Approved Ground school</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>No Ground school</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Simulators (Owned)</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Simulators (MoU with others)</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>No simulators</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Availability of Ground School & Simulators	Score	Approved Ground school	3	No Ground school	0	Simulators (Owned)	2	Simulators (MoU with others)	1	No simulators	0
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C. Safety Standards* (Weightage – 20%)

**(Non-reporting of any accident/incident will attract negative 5 marks from overall score of FTO for each case of accident/incident.)*

Sl. No.	Parameter	Definition	Weightage	Standard	Source	Conditions and Scoring						
1	Number of Accidents (12 Months)	Total number of aircraft accidents involving FTO operations.	18	0 (Zero)	DAS/ AAIB	<div>Conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Should fall under definition of ‘Accident’ as per CAR 5/C/I.Investigation by AAIBIrrespective of Solo or Dual flights.</div> <div>Scoring Criteria<table><tr><td>Number of Accidents (12 Months)</td><td>Score</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>1 or more</td><td>0</td></tr></table></div>	Number of Accidents (12 Months)	Score	0	18	1 or more	0
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						<div>Conditions</div>						

2	Number of Incidents (12 Months)	Total number of aircraft incidents involving FTO operations.	2	0 (Zero)	DAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should fall under definition of ‘Incident’ or ‘Serious Incident’ as per CAR 5/C/I.• investigation by DGCA• Irrespective of Solo or Dual flights. <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><td>Number of Incidents (12 Months)</td><td>Score</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>1 or more</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Number of Incidents (12 Months)	Score	0	2	1 or more	0
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D. Compliance Standards (Weightage – 10 %)

Sl. No.	Parameter	Definition	Weightage	Standard	Source	Conditions and Scoring Criteria								
1	No. of Significant Safety Concerns (Level-I) Observations raised during DGCA Surveillance/ Inspection	Total number of Level-I safety observations raised by DGCA during surveillance or inspection of the FTO.	5	0 (Zero)	DAW, DAS, SED	<p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raised by any of the directorate of DGCA.• Applicable irrespective of subsequent compliance after raised Level 1 observation. <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><td>No. of Significant Safety Concerns (Level-I) Observations</td><td>Score</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>More than 1</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	No. of Significant Safety Concerns (Level-I) Observations	Score	0	5	1	2	More than 1	0
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2	Number of BA positive cases	Total number of confirmed Alcohol				<p>Conditions</p>								

	preceding 12 months	Breath Analyser violations or refused BA test involving FTO personnel (instructors, trainees, maintenance staff or any other FTO staff).	5	0 (Zero)	DAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Irrespective of pre-flight or post flight. <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><th>Number of BA positive cases</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>1 or more</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Number of BA positive cases	Score	0	5	1 or more	0
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E. Assistant to Students (Weightage – 10 %)

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1	Resolution of Student Grievances	Mechanism for addressing complaints, concerns, or disputes raised by trainees.	4	Dedicated grievance cell with documented resolutions & timelines	FTO website and PG Portal	<p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grievance redressal policy of FTO and mechanism shall be published on their website. Well defined response timelines and Escalation matrix Escalation of grievance to DGCA through Public Grievance Portal will attract negative score

						<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provision for internal committee as per POSH Act. <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><th>No. of Student Grievances in 6 months</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>Upto 5 grievance Escalation to PG Portal ((with Grievance redressal policy))</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>5 to 10 grievance Escalation to PG Portal due to unsatisfactory responses to grievances by FTO ((with Grievance redressal policy))</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>No Grievance redressal policy</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	No. of Student Grievances in 6 months	Score	Upto 5 grievance Escalation to PG Portal ((with Grievance redressal policy))	4	5 to 10 grievance Escalation to PG Portal due to unsatisfactory responses to grievances by FTO ((with Grievance redressal policy))	2	No Grievance redressal policy	0
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No Grievance redressal policy	0													
2	Financial Assistance / Scholarships	Sponsorship/ Subsidy from States; Guarantee for Bank Loans; Bank loan arrangements for training costs	2	Availability of Sponsorship/ Subsidy /Guarantee for Bank Loans/Bank loan arrangements	FTO website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Publication on FTO website;Records of the same for DGCA verification <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><th>Financial Assistance / Scholarships</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>Available</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Not available</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Financial Assistance / Scholarships	Score	Available	2	Not available	0		
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3			2	Active placement cell		Conditions								

	Trainee Placement Assistance in Aviation Sector	Support for cadets in securing jobs or internships		or industry tie-ups		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement records maintained and published on FTO website• MoUs/ tie-ups with Airlines/ NSOPs like cadet programme <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><td>Number of students facilitated with employment in last 6 months</td><td>Score</td></tr><tr><td>10 or more</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>5-9</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Less than 5</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Number of students facilitated with employment in last 6 months	Score	10 or more	2	5-9	1	Less than 5	0
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4	Transparency in Payment & Refund Policies	Clarity and fairness in fee structure and refund terms	2	Published fee and fee payment schedule and refund policy, Agreement Bond on FTO website	FTO website	<p>Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No hidden charges• Refund timelines defined• Standard Agreement Bond & Policy published on FTO website <p>Scoring Criteria</p> <table><tr><td>Published fee and fee payment schedule and refund policy, Agreement Bond on FTO website</td><td>Score</td></tr><tr><td>Available</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Not Available</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Published fee and fee payment schedule and refund policy, Agreement Bond on FTO website	Score	Available	2	Not Available	0		
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Ranking of Flying Training Organizations

Category	S.No.	Flying Training Organizations
Category 'A+' FTOs		NIL
Category 'A' FTOs		NIL
Category 'B' FTOs	1	Chimes Aviation Academy
	2	SVKM's NMIMS Academy of Aviation Shirpur
	3	Bihar Flying Club
	4	Orient Flights Aviation Academy
	5	Skynex Aero Pvt. Ltd
	6	FSTC Flying School Pvt Ltd
	7	Patiala Aviation Club
	8	Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation
	9	Jet Serve Aviation Pvt. Ltd

	10	Nagpur Flying Club
	11	National Flying Training Institute
	12	Banasthali Vidyapith Gliding and Flying Club
	13	Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Aviation Technology
Category 'C' FTOs	14	Dunes Aviation Academy
	15	Garg Aviations Ltd.
	16	The Bombay Flying Club
	17	Chetak Aviation
	18	Ekvi Air Training Organisation Pvt. Ltd
	19	Academy of Carver Aviation Pvt. Ltd.
	20	Ambitions Flying Club Pvt. Ltd
	21	Flytech Aviation Academy
	22	Indian Flying Academy
	23	Sha –Shib Flying Academy
	24	Government Aviation Training Institute
	25	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA)
	26	Redbird Flight Training Academy
	27	Telangana State Aviation Academy
	28	Alchemist Aviation Private Limited
	29	Falcon Aviation Academy
	30	Wings Aviation Pvt. Ltd
	31	Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Limited
	32	The Gujarat Flying Club
	33	The Madhya Pradesh Flying Club Ltd.

	34	Pioneer Flying Academy Pvt Ltd
	35	Blue Ray Aviation Pvt Ltd

The following FTOs have been excluded for this phase of Ranking:

S.No.	Flying Training Organizations	Reason
1.	Avyanna Aviation Academy	Ranking not applicable as the FTOs did not complete 18 months (1.5 years) as on 31.08.2025 from date of approval.
2.	Vision Flying Training Institute	
3.	Aviation Connectivity Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd.	
4.	Jharkard Flying Institute	
5.	Government Flying Training School	FTO Approval not valid as on 31 st August 2025