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## **CTC Aviation Opens Additional Training Programmes to New Zealanders**

CTC Aviation Training announced today it is opening up its facility for the first time to allow more New Zealanders to gain flight training experience at its Crew Training Centre-Hamilton.

People who already have some flight training experience can now gain access to CTC's proven world-class training to: complete their Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) theory training; obtain their instrument rating or instructor rating; or gain their Private Pilot License (PPL) or Commercial Pilot License (CPL).

CTC Aviation Training CEO, Ian Calvert, says this is a rare opportunity.

"At CTC, we have around 168 cadets each year coming from our Crew Training Centres in the UK for training here in New Zealand.

"We've recently changed the way we train these UK cadets and this change will see new trainees spending a few more months at the start of their training at our Crew Training Centres in the UK before they head down to New Zealand to complete their course.

"The first cadet class to start this new training regime is in November. What this means is there will be a lag of around five months when we'll see the numbers in Hamilton diminish somewhat before the classes begin coming through to New Zealand again in April next year when we'll be back up to near full capacity.

"So, to bridge this gap, we've decided to open up our training facility to people looking to gain a range of licenses and ratings," explains Mr Calvert.

Mr Calvert said it was likely this would be a one-off opportunity that would only be on offer for around five months from November.

People interested in learning about CTC's flight training programmes on offer can visit [www.ctcaviation.com/nzpilottraining.html](http://www.ctcaviation.com/nzpilottraining.html) or phone the Crew Training Centre-Hamilton on 07 843 3304.

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## About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training over 1200 aircrew for more than 50 global airlines each year. Our UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech Computer Based Training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our ab-initio training programme – CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

Our corporate philosophy is based around *innovation, flexibility, expertise and quality*. We are renowned for developing innovative approaches to airline training and recruitment challenges.

Our portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline training and resourcing requirements; - pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversions and recurrent. We have recently launched two new products –

- a range of Airline Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.
- CTC FlexiCrew – an innovative, flexible approach to resolve airline resourcing needs around the world.

CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Eagle Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

**CTC Wings** is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training. The *CTC Wings ICP* and *CTC Wings CPP* routes provide CPL/IR training for aspiring pilots with differing entry criteria or aspirations outside of the airline world. *CTC Wings SIP* is a sponsored instructor programme offered to the New Zealand pilot community.

**CTC FlexiCrew** is an initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

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