



The Aero Club of South Africa

Preserving Free Flight

Aero Club Communique # 18 of 2026

Good day to all our Aero Club members, and to all of the general and recreational aviation community. This Communique is a brief update on the **12-Year Engine Rule**

The following can be confirmed:

- The Minister of Transport has signed the 36th Amendment to the S A Civil Aviation Regulations. This is the amendment that includes the amendments to Part 43 of the Regulations that allow for engines older than 12 years to be checked in terms of the Condition Monitoring Programme.

There are some aspects of the 12-year process that cannot be confirmed:

- Although it is standard process for a signed statute to be published as soon as possible in the Government Gazette, it cannot be said with any certainty when the 36th Amendment will be published.
- We do not know exactly how the process will work once aircraft have been inspected and cleared in terms of the Condition Monitoring Programme.

Given the above, I fear we are still somewhat uncertain about definite time frames with respect to the process ahead.

However, the news that the 36th Amendment has been signed is a positive step forward.

As always, as soon as we hear anything, we will update you.

SKYwatch magazine

The CAA publishes a quarterly magazine with general aviation information about a wide range of topics. We at the Aero Club have been part of SKYwatch since its inception. The newsletter can be accessed on the SACAA website by accessing the link below. The latest and previous editions are also available. You can also subscribe to SKYwatch on the SACAA website. Click on Quick Find, then SKYwatch, then Subscribe

<https://www.caa.co.za/information-for-the-public/skywatch-magazine/>

SACAA General Aviation Accident Reduction Seminar (GAARS) on 27 August 2026

The SACAA is hosting a safety seminar. It will be virtual from 18:00 to 20:00, so it is easy to attend. Please try to be there. See the information below

Here is a link to the seminar [GAARS Seminar](#)



The banner features the SACAA logo on the left, which includes a globe and the text 'SACAA SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY Keeping you safe in the sky'. To the right of the logo, the text 'GAARS Sixth' is displayed in a large, bold font, with 'General Aviation Accident Reduction Seminar' written below it in a smaller font. The background of the banner is a scenic image of a tropical beach with turquoise water, white sand, and palm trees. A small white and blue propeller plane is flying in the sky above the beach. On the left side of the banner, there is a section titled 'Getting ready for summer' with a calendar icon, the date '27 August 2026', a clock icon, the time '18:00 – 20:00', and a location pin icon with the text 'Microsoft Teams'. A green button with white text says 'CLICK HERE TO RECEIVE ENTRANCE TO THE VIRTUAL EVENT'. At the bottom left, the text 'Enquiries: Nishan Singh | Singhs@caa.co.za' is displayed.

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CAASA Newsletter

The latest CAASA newsletter, the July 2026 edition, has been circulated.

There is valuable information about aviation and about what is happening in aviation in South Africa.

The CAASA newsletter can be accessed via the link below at:

<https://share.google/wCUOQ2KiUkjA42XcQ>

The 2026 Aero Club membership renewal commenced on the 1st of December.

Please visit the Aero Club website renewal portal at

<https://aeroclub.org.za/membership/>

to renew or to register as a new member.

We list below the information on our Aero Assist system whereby you can easily renew your Authority to Fly.

Also, please see below the contact numbers for the SACAA confidential hazard reporting system and the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre.

Have a good week, I hope for good news next time.

Regards,

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Chairman, Aero club of SA,

17 August 2026

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The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

ATFs and Licences

The Aero Club has created a Member Support Initiative to assist active Aero Club members in their Recreational Licence & ATF application submissions to the CAA at a cost of R 300 per submission, discounts for multiple submissions and referrals.



AeroAssist

<https://www.aeroassist.org.za/>

AeroAssist is a web based system that can be used by members of Aero Club to facilitate Authority to Fly applications with CAA.



The functionality of the system allows for the upload of all required documentation that must be submitted with the application. Aircraft details and applicable documentation will be saved to a master document set for the aircraft and will be available for subsequent applications; making it easier for the user the next time an application is submitted.

Applicants are kept up to date with regards to application progress via their preferred communication method - sms or e-mail. When the Authority to Fly has been issued by CAA, it will be stored in the system and automatically e-mailed to the applicant. As an additional service, we also send a reminder at the appropriate time when an Authority to Fly is due.

For more information contact The Aero Club of South Africa
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Safety Contact Information

The SACAA Confidential Aviation Hazard Reporting System (CAHRS) reporting link:

<https://www.caa.co.za/information-for-the-public/reporting/#cahrs>

ARCC

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 Report **ANY** Aircraft Accident
Immediately to the ARCC
This includes Paragliders



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